



## Memphis City Council Summary Sheet

1. This is a resolution amending the FY 2010 CIP to appropriate \$2,000,000.00 in CIP funds to the Regional Medical Center to replace broken and antiquated equipment. This is the list of equipment and machines to be purchased:

Departments	Total
Radiology:	
<i>Digital Mammography</i>	\$ 490,000.00
<i>Mobile C-Arms (2)</i>	\$ 430,000.00
Anesthesia:	
<i>Anesthesia Machines/Monitors</i>	\$ 900,000.00
Operating Room:	
<i>Instruments</i>	\$ 180,000.00
Total	\$ 2,000,000.00

2. This resolution is sponsored by Councilman Joe Brown. Funding for the MED was discussed in Executive Session on January 26 and February 9 and in full Council Session on February 9 and February 23. This resolution is amended from the original resolution changing the funding from operating to capital. This resolution is a compromise agreed to by representatives of the City and the MED.
3. This resolution does not change any existing ordinances.
4. This resolution will require amending the FY2010 Capital Improvement Program.

## CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Regional Medical Center (the MED) serves as a critical link in the provision of urgent medical care to residents in Memphis and the Mid-South region; and

WHEREAS, The MED has historically operated at a deficit due significantly to a disproportionately high percentage of non paying patients, (those without TennCare or commercial insurance coverage and without personal resources to cover the cost of care provided), who receive medical services at the MED; and

WHEREAS, State of Tennessee has received \$80 million to \$90 million annually for the past four years in federal funding for the uncompensated care provided at the MED, but has only returned to the MED between \$30 million and \$39 million annually and the MED faces a serious financial shortage for FY2010; and

WHEREAS, currently a MED Task Force has been convened to analyze and recommend a plan of action to address concerns related to the current and future provisions of critical medical services to our county, state and region; and

WHEREAS, It is critical to the survival of the MED to procure short term funding to offset significant budget shortfalls and long term funding that will provide the MED adequate funding for uncompensated care sufficient to ensure its continued operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL that the FY 2010 CIP Budget be amended by appropriating \$2,000,000 (two million dollars) to the MED for the purpose of purchasing radiology, anesthesia and operating room equipment and machines.

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JOE W. BROWN  
Council Member

HAROLD B. COLLINS  
Chairman

## Regional Medical Center at Memphis

March 22, 2010



The Honorable Harold Collins  
Chairman, Memphis City Council  
125 N. Main, Room 514  
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Chairman Collins:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet and discuss the Regional Medical Center at Memphis (The MED). As you aware, The MED has faced some uncertain times this fiscal year, and we are working diligently to overcome the challenges of the past. With commitments from all levels of government, we will be able to successfully navigate this fiscal year and move forward, as well as plan for next year. I appreciate your commitment on behalf of the Memphis City Council to seek ways to support our efforts.

We have compiled and reviewed the organization's extensive capital needs and humbly submit this list of equipment to you and the Council. The identified equipment is necessary in order to continue to provide quality patient care.

### **Radiology**

#### Digital Mammography

In order to enhance the standard of care in the delivery of mammography services, a digital unit is needed. The upgraded and modern digital unit will be used to provide screening and diagnostic mammography services.

#### Mobile C-Arms

Two mobile C-Arms, portable radiology devices, used to perform multi-dimensional x-rays in the operating room are needed. These units are used extensively during orthopedic trauma procedures and to provide intravenous access for patients throughout the hospital.

### **Anesthesia**

#### Anesthesia Machines

The anesthesia machines used in performing emergency and elective procedures in Trauma, Burn, the Women's Center and main operating rooms are in need of replacement and/or upgrade. Replacing and, as appropriate, upgrading these machines will allow The MED to provide the latest technology in anesthesia delivery and monitoring during surgical procedures, and more importantly enhance both the safety and quality of care delivered.

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### **Operating Rooms**

#### Surgical Instruments

The organization has lacked the financial resources to invest in an annual operating room instrument replacement program. There is an immediate need to replace many of the surgical instruments in all of the operating rooms so that our surgeons will have readily available access to high quality and functional surgical equipment.

The enclosed equipment list includes the associated costs to purchase the needed equipment. We sincerely thank you and the Council for your consideration of these capital requests. Your investment in the success of The MED is appreciated. I look forward to a continued and successful relationship as we work together in moving The MED forward.

Sincerely,



Reginald W. Coopwood, M.D.  
President/CEO

Encl: City Capital Request Summary

Cc: Mr. Gene Holcomb  
Chairman, Shelby County Healthcare Corporation Board of Directors



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