

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
JANUARY 18, 2011**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	William B. Banning Sr., V Chairman
Frank J. Townsend, III	George H. Davis
*Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
*Johnny W. Jeffcoat	Kenneth Brad Matthews
*M. Todd Cullum	

*Arrived after the meeting was already in session.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**Note: no tape or digital recording available for this session due to technical problems with the newly installed recording system.

City of West Columbia - "C" Fund Match Request - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from the City of West Columbia for \$101,544.91 for "C" Funds to assist in a 20 percent local match for two SCDOT Enhancement Grants. The local match requested is for the Meeting Street and State Street Streetscape Project Phase II at \$65,294.91 and the Charleston Highway Beautification at \$36,250. Mr. Fechtel reported that there is \$143,997 available in the County's "C" Fund Special Projects Account. Staff recommends approval of the City's request for "C" Funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations to approve the City of West Columbia's "C" Fund request.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers and Messrs. Jeffcoat and Cullum were not present at the time the vote was taken.

2010 NPDES Annual Report - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams briefed the Committee on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

(NPDES) Annual Report. The annual report provides DHEC with updates on the milestones achieved in 2010 as part of the County's Stormwater Management Plan. The major updates in the report includes full implementation of the Illicit Discharge Elimination minimum control measure, the development of the car wash fundraiser program, the start of a pet waste initiative with Keep the Midlands Beautiful, and continued training of County staff on the NPDES program.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's submittal of the 2010 NPDES Annual Report.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers was not present at the time the vote was taken. Mr. Cullum did not vote.

NPDES NOI and Draft MS4 Permit - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented information on the National Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Notice of Intent (NOI) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) Permit which expires February 28, 2011. Ms. Williams reviewed the major changes in the draft presented. Lexington County is required to submit its Notice of Intent (NOI), permit application, under the draft permit by January 14, 2011, in order to extend coverage under the current permit while the draft is being finalized. (This was voted on prior to closing the Committee Meeting.)

SCDOT Road Mileage Exchange Required for A.C. Bouknight Road - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request to accept the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Road Mileage Exchange. He reported that SCDOT will accept A.C. Bouknight Road, which is 2.3 miles long, into their road maintenance system. In exchange, the County will accept the dirt portions of Platt Springs Road (1.77 miles) and Stevens Creek Road (0.61 miles) for a total of 2.38 miles. Staff recommends approval of the exchange outlined.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the SCDOT Road Mileage Exchange.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers was not present at the time the vote was taken.

NPDES NOI and Draft MS4 Permit - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Staff requested approval of a letter from the County Administrator to accompany the NPDES NOI and draft MS4 Permit for submittal to DHEC.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Davis to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Possible Executive Session if Time Permits - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr.

Jeffcoat to go into Executive Session to discuss one contractual and one legal matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

New Business - Columbia Opportunity Resource (COR) - Ms. Summers provided information on the Columbia Opportunity Resource (COR) upcoming event, "Give 11 in 2011" campaign and press conference scheduled for Feb. 11, 2011. She encouraged Council members to attend and would forward details she received from Ms. Katherine Swartz, COR Executive Director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk