

**PUBLIC WORKS & SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MINUTES
APRIL 22, 2014**

The Public Works & Solid Waste Management Committee met on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 3:06 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Debra B. Summers, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	Bobby C. Keisler
K. Brad Matthews	

Council Chairperson is a member of all Committees.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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 television stations, newspapers, posted on the County of Lexington website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Lexington County Administration Building.

Old Business - New Business Update - Public Works - Wrenn Barrett, Director - Mr. Barrett presented updates on several old business projects as follows:

SOP for Road Closings - Mr. Barrett presented staff recommendations for the amended SOP for Road Closings for Council's final approval. The draft SOP was presented and approved by the Public Works' Committee on January 14, 2014 but not brought before full Council. Mr. Barrett reported since then there have been a couple of issues with the SOP in particular regarding a petitioner who presented a road closing and did not have all the information. Therefore, staff amended the procedure to add a line so Public Works (Director) will actually provide or verify the count data as well as an emergency response impact statement from Public Safety in order that it will always be presented to Council on all road closings regardless of the petitioner. The amendment is under item number six on the proposed Standard Operating Procedure for the Closing of Lexington County Roads LR 1/31/14.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend full Council approve staff's amended recommendations as presented.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Matthews	Council Chairman Jeffcoat

Stormwater Utility Fee - Mr. Barrett reported the Stormwater Utility Fee information was previously presented for discussions and, if there were no further discussions, he requests to remove it from the old business list. Mr. Cullum said there was no issue removing it from the list; however, he would like to follow-up with the municipalities to make sure they are interested in pursuing the fee. He suggested staff return to each municipality and ask if they have any interest in the stormwater fee and if so then give us a very definite interest of what

they consider imposing; not a maybe. If we cannot find any traction with it then this body can then say we are certainly not interested in putting a fee on one part of the County and not the rest.

Permanent Water Quality Buffer Requirement Concerns - Mr. Barrett reported staff made a presentation on September 24, 2013 and there have been additional comments on the reduction of the retention ponds in relationship to the buffers. He said there is a meeting scheduled for April 24, 2014 with stakeholders to discuss and then finalize the chapter.

Stormwater Ordinance - Mr. Barrett reported the ordinance will require three readings and a public hearing. He said staff plans to have the Land Development Manual draft ready in July along with the Stormwater Ordinance. Public Works would like to conduct a workshop in July for open discussion on the ordinance and complete the whole process before the last quarter of this year. Mr. Cullum said this would be a good time to discuss the municipalities' participation in reference to the stormwater utility fee.

Dixired Road - Mr. Don Rumbaugh, Public Works Engineering Associate IV, reported on a call he received from Ms. Augustine Frye, a property owner at the intersection of Brodie Road and Dixired Road concerning the County widening the road and taking her property unnecessarily. He said he met with her son on the right-of-way limits and was able to satisfy Ms. Frye's concerns. Mr. Rumbaugh reported during his conversations with Ms. Frye she brought up another issue regarding a land swap between her and another property owner across the road when she purchased her property that was never finalized. He said he called the other property owners and asked them to contact Ms. Frye directly to resolve since this was not a County issue.

Pine Glen Alternate Exit (Emergency Access Road Cost) - Mr. Rumbaugh gave an update on the emergency access road to the Pine Glen Subdivision in Irmo. He reported staff has been working on this for several years trying to work out a route that ties the existing Garden Valley Lane and Radio Lane to the back side of the Pine Glen Subdivision as an alternative to the single entrance at the railroad crossing. Mr. Rumbaugh outlined three alternatives for consideration from ongoing negotiations with SCANA, the railroad, Irmo/Chapin Recreation Commission, and private property owners depicted on the map presented. He reported S&ME, Inc. provided cost for wetland delineation and staff has contacted the CORPS regarding the wetlands. Mr. Rumbaugh recommended pursuing the Edwin Davis property or evaluate the impact of the wetlands alternative. The Committee discussed the alternatives presented. Mr. Mergo asked the County Attorney to research if it's illegal for trains to stop and block certain intersections from emergency access and explore financial contributions for a solution from the railroad company who is creating the problem. The Committee requested cost estimates on each of the proposed alternatives.

"C" Funds Relating to Municipal and School Enhancement Grants - Mr. Joey Derby, C-Fund Project Manager, presented a brief history of the C-Fund school funding with account information. He reported there were three accounts for C-Fund distribution; 1) \$50,000 per year set aside for municipal projects, 2) Unclassified for special projects such as enhancement grants and side walk projects, and 3) Unclassified School Road Projects. Mr. Derby reported that the school account had been allocated \$75,000 per year and for the past three consecutive years there have been no project requests or expenditures so the remaining fund balance of \$139,973 (Account 539901 Unclassified School Road Project) was rolled over into the Public Works General Unclassified Account (Account 539900). Staff

recommends increasing the municipality funding from \$50,000 per year to \$100,000 per year based on the discontinuation of the school funding. The Committee discussed the distribution and internal record keeping process. Mr. Mergo said in the Administrator's recommended budget there are now eight proposed accounts to specifically tract C-Fund spending. Mr. Cullum said staff needs to reevaluate the current rating criteria being used to identify and prioritize projects. Ms. Summers asked about guidelines for the types of requests that can be made by either schools or municipalities. Mr. Derby reported funds could be utilized for dirt to pave, resurfacing, sidewalks, and drainage projects improvements as it relates to a public road. It was noted that staff needs to go back and look at rating criteria. Mr. Mergo said in today's recommended budget there is \$75,000 for Unclassified-School Road Projects and \$50,000 for Unclassified-Municipal Projects. In closing, Mr. Kinard reported he did some research on a neighboring county and they have an alternate paving ordinance which he provided to the Committee and Mr. Barrett for review to see if the County could mirror.

Meeting of January 14, 2014 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the January 14, 2014 minutes as submitted.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Matthews
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Keisler	Council Chairman Jeffcoat

Meeting of January 27, 2014 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the January 27, 2014 minutes as submitted.

In Favor:	Mr. Cullum	Ms. Summers
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Matthews	Council Chairman Jeffcoat

Old Business - Nursery Road Update - Mr. Randy Edwards reported on March 11, 2014 Council awarded a \$2.025 million contract to Cherokee, Inc. to build the project. He said after reviewing the option, the current design is the most feasible and long-term best solution for crossing the spillway. He reported the bridge should be ready to ride over by the end of October 2014. The Notice to Proceed should be received in mid May.

New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

M. Todd Cullum
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk