

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2008**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:55 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chairman

Bobby C. Keisler

William C. Billy Derrick

M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman

John W. Carrigg, Jr.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy 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.

Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium (LCSC) Appointee (Goal 2) - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator – Ms. Williams presented a request to appoint Mr. Chris Monsma as the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium citizen appointee.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to appoint Mr. Chris Monsma as the citizen appointee to the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Town of Irmo Request - Maintenance of Roads - Public Works - John Fachtel, Director – Mr. Fachtel presented the Town of Irmo's request for the County to accept maintenance of the following six roads; Gibbes Street, North Royal Tower Road (Lexington County's portion is 1400 feet), Friarsgate Court, Bickleigh Court, Friagsate Boulevard, and Cressfell Road. The Town of Irmo will make all improvements necessary to comply with County standards. It is noted that the roads will have a one-year warranty from the Town of Irmo. Staff recommends approving the acceptance of the roads listed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to recommend to full Council to approve the Town of Irmo's request.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Water Quality Buffers and Stormwater Credits (Goal 2) - Public Works - Sheri
Armstrong,**

Stormwater Manager and Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator

(A) Earl McLeod, Executive Director, Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia

(B) Bill Marshall, Chair, Lower Saluda River Advisory Council

(C) Dwight Davis, Chairman, Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District

Ms. Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator presented a power-point presentation on water quality buffers including definitions of various buffers as well as its benefits to the environment. She noted the proposed water quality buffer requirement increase from a 50-foot to a 100-foot buffer on perennial streams and a 25-foot to a 50-foot buffer on wetland areas.

Ms. Sheri Armstrong, Stormwater Manager, reported on the revisions to the water quality buffer requirements and included details concerning requirements for buffer design, management and maintenance, platting procedures, buffer averaging procedures, width adjustments, and variance procedures. She reviewed the differences between streamline and shoreline buffers. Concerns were discussed about the change from the 50-foot buffer to the 100-buffer on perennial streams. The Committee asked staff to produce a blue line map outlining the buffers for perennial streams. Ms. Armstrong indicated that a request for a variance can be considered if the request meets any of the criteria listed in Section 3.4.4.12.1 Buffer Variance Criteria.

Ms. Armstrong also reviewed the new section, Stormwater Credits, Section 3.10 which provides credit for conservation areas, including water quality buffers. Conservation area credits allow the areas that are set aside in water quality buffers, along with other preserved open space, to be subtracted from the area that must be treated for volume. Suggestions from the stakeholder's group and Planning Commission were considered and incorporated as deemed appropriate. Staff requested approval to adopt the revisions to Section 3.4.4. and Section 3.10 of the Land Development Manual.

Guest speakers who were present were Mr. Robbie Wilkins with the Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia, Mr. Bill Marshall from the Lower Saluda River Advisory, Mr. Dwight Davis of the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District, and Mr. Bill Mathias, Lexington County citizen.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to adopt staff's recommendations for the revisions to Section 3.4.4 and Section 3.10 for Water Quality Buffers and Stormwater Credits.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 08, 2008 – A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the January 8, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Old Business/New Business - Road Improvement List and Traffic Congestion – It was requested that staff put together a comprehensive consolidated list of infrastructure needs to be presented to the County’s Legislative Delegation. It was suggested that staff contact the Central Midlands COG and SCDOT for information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Summers
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk