

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2008**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:20 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chairman	M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
William C. Billy Derrick	

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.

**2008 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange – Public Works – Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator** – Ms. Williams presented a request for funding of the 2008 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange in the amount of \$4,000. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 at the South Carolina State Museum. The 2008 event includes the following partners: Lexington and Richland County, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC), Keep the Midlands Beautiful, the SC State Museum and a new partner, the City of Columbia. Neuton Mower Company will provide the electric mowers at a discounted cost of \$289. The goal is to reduce the price by \$90 for 130 mowers and sell them to citizens who trade in a gas powered mower for \$199. The funding will allow the group to move closer to achieving the goal of 130 mowers at the \$199 discounted rate. Public Works appropriated money to cover air quality projects such as the Lawn Mower Exchange for FY 07-08.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request of \$4,000 for the 2008 Electric Lawn Mower Exchange. Funds will be provided from FY 2007-08 Air Quality Supplies Account #521210.

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

**School District 4 "C" Fund Request - Public Works – John Fechtel, Director** - Mr. Fechtel presented a letter from Lexington County School District Four, Gaston-Swansea. The school has requested the allocation of "C" funds to provide turning lanes at the entrance to Swansea Primary School located at 1195 I.W. Hutto Road in Swansea. The addition of a turning lane to the school would address safety concerns that parents are expressing when they are forced to line up in the I.W. Hutto roadway. Public Works has budgeted \$75,000 for School Road Projects for

FY 07-08 and has not received any school requests this year. Staff recommends approving the \$75,000 for School District Four.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the School District 4 "C" Fund request. Funds are provided from FY2007-08 School Road Projects (2700-121300-539901).

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

**Town of Springdale "C" Fund Request – Public Works – John Fechtel, Director –**

Mr. Fechtel presented a letter from the Town of Springdale requesting the allocation of "C" funds in the amount of \$36,250 for the Town's Platt Springs Road Enhancement Project (Phase II) - Pedestrian Lighting project. The project has been approved by SCDOT. The total proposed cost of the project is \$181,250 with 80% funded through SCDOT's Transportation Enhancement Program. The Town is seeking funding assistance to meet the 20% local match requirement of \$36,250. Public Works has \$215,000 available in their Special Projects "C" Fund unclassified account. Staff recommends approval of this request.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the Town of Springdale "C" Fund request. The \$36,250 will be provided from Public Works Special Projects "C" Fund.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg abstained since he was not present during the presentation.

**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 22, 2008** – A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the January 22, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old Business/New Business - Alternative Paving** – Staff was asked about the status of the alternative paving list. Mr. John Fechtel, Public Works Director, responded that staff is in the process of identifying roads using the alternative paving materials.

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