

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2008**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:25 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler

M. Todd Cullum, V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick

Absent:

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.

Legal Closing of Mallet Circle - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel reported that the Public Works Department received a letter from Mr. Michael Shealy requesting the legal closure of Mallet Circle (approximately 2,181 feet) and to extend Elk Road (approximately 380 feet) to Two Notch Road due to safety concerns with two dangerous “Y” intersections on Two Notch Road. Mr. Shealy has agreed to pay all the legal costs associated with the closing and provide the County with a 50 foot right-of-way for the extension of Elk Road. Staff also noted that Mr. Shealy would bring the road closure action. Public Works would provide the necessary resources for the road relocation and include approximately \$1,000 in concrete pipe. Staff recommends approval of Mr. Shealy’s request due to the safety issues and a net reduction of about 1,701 linear feet of the County maintained dirt road.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend that full Council approve staff’s recommendation of the legal closure of Mallet Circle and that Mr. Shealy be responsible for all legal costs associated with the road closure.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 12, 2008 - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the February 12, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business – Change in Ozone – South Carolina Department of Environmental Control - Ms. Melinda Mathias, Bureau of Air Quality – Ms. Mathias gave a brief overview of the change in ozone standards. She reported that on March 12, 2008 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lowered the ground level ozone standard from .084 to .075. She presented a map reflecting Counties with monitors that are exceeding that standard. Lexington County does not have a monitor but Richland County has three of which two are reading above the standard of .075. DHEC is required to recommend to EPA the boundaries of areas not meeting the 2008 ozone standard based on the most recent monitoring data which is due by March 12, 2009. EPA will make final boundary determinations in 2010. Ms. Mathias said that DHEC will be working with the local areas affected by the 2008 ozone standard and seeking their assistance in this effort. For information only, no action taken.

“C” Fund – H.4863 - Mr. Derrick reported that there was a meeting with Ms. Lill Mood, who is the council appointee to the Richland County Transportation Study Commission. She will be reporting back on the proposed legislation (H.4863) to redirect an increased portion of the C-fund allocation to the State with what the proposed legislation is about. For information only, no action taken.

Taylor Road Railroad Crossing - Ms. Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator, reported that the City of Cayce has received CSX Transportation’s construction agreement for the proposed Taylor Road railroad crossing. The total estimated cost for the project is \$364,371. The County contribution for this project has been estimated at one-third of the estimated cost (\$121,457). The City of Cayce and the developer would each be responsible for one-third of the cost. It was also noted that this is a contractual matter between CSX and the City of Cayce. Mr. John Fechtel, Public Works Director, has confirmed that there are sufficient funds in the “C” fund for the one-third contribution and asked for sufficient time to review the cost estimate.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend that full Council approve funding one-third of the estimated cost (\$121,457) associated with the Taylor Road railroad crossing project.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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