

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler
William B. Banning, Sr.

William C. Billy Derrick, V Chairman
John W. Carrigg, Jr.
Debra B. Debbie Summers

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.

MS4 Intergovernmental Agreement (Goal 2) - Public Works/Stormwater - Sheri Armstrong, Stormwater Manager - Ms. Armstrong presented new Intergovernmental Agreements for seven municipalities located in Lexington County. The agreements are between Lexington County and local municipalities outlining the implementation of the NPDES MS4 General Permit and areas of partnership. As part of the agreement, those participating will also pay a portion of the cost for the program as outlined. Ms. Armstrong reported each municipality's Councils have approved the Agreement. She said the new Intergovernmental Agreements are in addition to the previous agreements already in effect.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the MS4 Intergovernmental Agreements.

The Committee asked if the new Agreements took the place of the original agreements. She responded the new Intergovernmental Agreements are in addition to the previous agreements already in effect. It was noted that the only municipality with any changes to the agreement was the City of West Columbia with revisions to Item #11 to clarify notification in a timely manner.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Cullum reconvened the meeting in open session with one motion to be considered.

Chapin Public Works Office Water Tap Contract - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve the agreement with the City of Columbia, who is thirteen miles away from our particular facility, so we can get water turned on to Lexington County's Chapin Public Works facility.

In Favor: Mr. Derrick Mr. Banning
Ms. Summers Mr. Carrigg

Opposed: Mr. Cullum Mr. Keisler

Closing a Portion of Old Bush River Road - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel requested to delay discussions.

Lexington County Recreation and Aging Request - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission for funding road improvements at 12th Street and Saxe Gotha Drive. Mr. Fechtel reported SCE&G is planning Phase I of a portion of the road at approximately 1,300 feet. Phase II is approximately 860 feet and estimated construction cost is \$229,000. Staff recommends approval of \$100,000 towards the Phase II project.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve the request from the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission.

The Committee discussed concerns about the property being in a floodplain and the costs involved elevating the road. The property is located in the City of Cayce's jurisdiction. The Committee requested staff to obtain clarification from the City of Cayce whether the road needs to be elevated and return with information in January.

Mr. Keisler withdrew his motion and Mr. Derrick withdrew his second.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 27, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the October 27, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business - Snow and Ice Removal Contract - Ms. Hubbard reported the Snow and Ice Removal contract with the State has been resolved and it is in place for upcoming severe weather. Mr. Fechtel added the County also has a Mutual Aid Agreement with the State of South Carolina which would allow, in lieu of this contract, the County to do the same thing using the FEMA rate. For information only, no action taken.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Material for Road Swells, New Road - Corley Mill/Riverchase, Assessment of Ponds Inventory - 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