

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2009**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:20 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	William C. Billy, Derrick, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	William B. Banning, Sr.
Debra B. Debbie Summers	

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr.

*Mr. Carrigg was not present due to his court schedule.

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.

Enhancement Grant Request - Town of Gaston - Public Works - John Fechtel, Public Works Director - Mr. Fechtel presented an enhancement grant request from the Town of Gaston. The Town of Gaston is requesting assistance with a local match of \$23,000 (20%) from the "C" Fund Special Projects account. SCDOT has approved the \$115,000 project for beautification around US 321 and North Carlisle Street. Staff recommended approval of the request. There is presently \$209,373 in the Special Projects Account ("C" Funds - 2700-121302-539900 Unclassified.)

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve the Town of Gaston's request for \$23,000.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Banning arrived late and did not vote.

Legal Closure - Lakeside Drive - Public Works - John Fechtel, Public Works Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request for the legal closure of Lakeside Drive. This is a county maintained road inside the city limits of West Columbia. Mr. Fechtel said the City of West Columbia is in favor of the closing. Staff recommended approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the legal closing of Lakeside Drive with the only cost being the County Attorney's response of Council's approval.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Recap of 2003-04 "C" Fund Paving List (Goals 2&3) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Public Works Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a recap of the ten roads approved in 2003-04 and a Power Point presentation. He gave a detailed status report of the following ten roads: Pelion Road, Dunn Lane, Backman Drive, Elbert Taylor- 2, Jane Lane/Portion of Colonial Drive, Pleasant Court, Bray Park Road, Payne Lane, Martin Neese Road, and Shannon Street. The report included costs to date with photos of each road. Mr. Fechtel provided copies of the 2003-04 "C" Fund Road Priority Listing approved by Council on September 9, 2003 and a matrix outlining the "C" Fund Paving List, the 2008-09 Alternate Paving List, and the 2009-14 "C" Fund Priority Listing.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to accept staff's recommendation for the 2009-14 "C" Fund Priority Listing.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Traffic Signal Pre-Emptor US 378/Corley Mill Road (Goal 2) - Public Works - John Fechtel, Public Works Director - Mr. Fechtel presented information on the emergency initiated traffic signal for 378 and Corley Mill Road. SCDOT has confirmed that it will not be a problem however, the County will need to file an encroachment permit with SCDOT. The estimated cost of this project is less than \$2,000. Fire Service is looking at identifying funds to pay for the project. The emergency initiated traffic signal preemptor will allow the traffic light on Corley Mill to stay green to allow fire trucks to exit off River Chase onto Corley Mill. The County Administrator will coordinate with staff on proceeding with the project.

New Business - New Road Corley Mill/Riverchase - Councilman Davis inquired about the possibility of putting a road along the river to connect a proposed school to Corley Mill Road. Mr. Fechtel replied Public Works has been working with SCDOT and developers on this issue prior to any plans for a new school off Corley Mill Road and would continue to work with them for potential road sights.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 24, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business - Traffic Congestion - None.

New Business - Alternate Material for Road Swells - The Committee asked staff in order to save money and be more environmentally friendly could the County plant grass line swells instead of asphalt and make that another part of the alternate paving process. Mr. Fechtel replied staff has been looking at this alternative.

New Business - Status of Jim Rucker Road - Councilman Jeffcoat asked about the status of Jim Rucker Road. Mr. Fechtel replied that the right-of-way stakes are being placed and now is scheduled to start in two weeks.

Old Business - SCDOT Snow & Ice Removal Contract - The Committee asked about the status of the SCDOT Snow & Ice Removal Contract resolution. Mr. Fechtel responded staff is currently checking with SCDOT on the status.

Old Business - Owners Upgrading Private Roads to be Considered as County Maintained Roads - The Committee asked staff about the status of criteria for upgrading private roads to be considered as County maintained roads. Mr. Fechtel replied this will be presented at the next meeting with various methods of citizens paying for the upgrades by bond issue, millage rate, or fee.

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