

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2009**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, June 23, 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	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 a trial case he was involved in.

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.

Town of Chapin “C” Fund Request - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from the Town of Chapin and Lexington School District 5, Chapin High School, to pave Stonewall Court to help reroute school traffic from Columbia Avenue. The request is for assistance of one-third of the engineering cost estimated at \$15,000. Staff recommends using \$5,000 from the “C” Fund School Project account (2700-121300-539901) to assist with this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the Town of Chapin “C” Fund request.

The Committee asked if Stonewall Court crossed over railroad tracks. Mr. Fechtel replied that Stonewall Court does not cross railroad tracks but Weisz Street off of East Boundary does cross over the railroad tracks. The Committee expressed concerns about the students crossing the railroad and asked about a traffic study. Staff to check if the crossing at Weisz Street needed to be upgraded.

The vote was in favor. Ms. Summers was present but did not vote.

Two Public Works Bids - Summary - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel provided information on two bids to be presented to Council for approval during the Bid/Purchases/RFPs process this afternoon. He reported Jayne Lane and a portion of Colonial Drive had a low bid for hot mix asphalt and sand clay. No bids came in for triple treatment. Mr. Fechtel also reported on the Dirt Road Base Preparation Project follow-up from a previous bid that did not have a valid bid on the base preparation. The re-bid came back with the lowest bid at \$39,009 by Sanders Brothers Construction Company, Inc. for the cement modified base. Mr. Fechtel said this bid reflects approximately \$11,000 in savings. For information only, no action taken.

New Business - Stormwater Permit Fees for Non-Profit Organizations and Churches - As an item of new business, Mr. Cullum said he was approached by a small church requesting to cut down seven trees on a one-fourth acre lot for a playground area. Mr. Fechtel reported that the current stormwater guidelines for less than an acre require a \$288 Small Commercial Permit fee. The Committee discussed changing the Stormwater Management Guidelines stormwater permit fees for churches. Staff recommends submission of an application by churches, and if the area is under one-fourth of an acre and the area is left with the pervious surface, then the fee could be waived.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve waiving stormwater permit fees for non-profit, charitable, or religious organizations with less than one-fourth acre after submitting stormwater application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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