

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

William C. Derrick, Chairman	*John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler	*William B. Banning, Sr.
James E. Kinard, Jr.	

*Messrs. Carrigg and Banning arrived after the meeting was already in session.

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.

School District 5 of Lexington and Richland Counties - "C" Fund Request - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from Lexington School District 5 for assistance with repairs to Fork Avenue which was damaged during construction at Irmo Elementary. The repairs need to be made before SCDOT will issue an encroachment permit. Repair costs are estimated at \$82,575.48. Mr. Fechtel reported that Public Works has the funds to match the school's request to pay \$40,000 from the "C" Funds School Projects budget and recommends approval of their request.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to recommend to full Council to approve Lexington School District's request to pay \$40,000 from the "C" Funds School Projects Account.

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

SCDOT Andre Bauer Interchange Sign Request - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from SCDOT for up to \$500 to pay for dedication signage for the Andre Bauer Interchange. The Lexington County Delegation requested to name the I-77 and I-26 interchange to the "Andre Bauer Interchange" which has been approved by the SCDOT Commission. In accordance with state law, Lexington County must incur the expenses up to \$500 for the fabrication and placement of dedication signs or marker from "C" funds. Mr. Fechtel confirmed with SCDOT that the correct name should be

“Andre Bauer Interchange” and not “Andre Bauer Exchange” as indicated in the request letter presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve SCDOT’s request.

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

Goldstone Drive Bridge Repair - Public Works - Randy Edwards, County Engineer - Mr. Edwards presented information regarding Goldstone Drive bridge. Staff provided a handout with information describing the situation with the bridge. He reported that SCDOT recommends replacing the bridge with immediate action to the bridge area. The LPA Group has presented a proposal that includes design, permitting, and construction management for a fee of \$141,581.60. The LPA Group recommends full replacement of the Goldstone Drive bridge which is expected to cost in the range of \$400,000 to \$700,000 with completion in six months. The Committee discussed safety issues surrounding the bridge and possible other options. Staff is requesting authorization to contract and pay LPA for their services with “C” Funds plus look at options between Goldstone Drive bridge, the pond dam/spillway and to also close the bridge until a long-term solution is found. Public Works’ staff will return in December with completed recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve authorization to contract with LPA and pay \$141,581.60 using “C” Funds.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

PalmettoPride Community Pride Grant Application- Public Works/Stormwater Management - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented a request to apply for the PalmettoPride Community Pride Grant in the amount of \$5,563. There is no County match required. The funds will be used to purchase 2,500 pet waste bag dispensers and 12 pet waste composters.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s request to apply for the PalmettoPride Community Pride Grant.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The Committee requested staff to research the “Adopt A Spot” program in Matthews, North Carolina.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 28, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the September 28, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business - Bitternut Court Utilities Relocation - Mr. Fechtel reported that Bitternut Court was previously approved for paving under the CDGB funds. However, the paving plans called for relocation of utilities which put it out of the CDBG realm. Staff recommends reallocating \$78,659 from the Public Works Unclassified Paving Program which would allow Bitternut Court to be paved with CDBG funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve the staff recommendations to reallocate \$78,659 for the relocation of utilities.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Material for Road Swells, New Road - Corley Mill/Riverchase, Assessment of Ponds Inventory, Flooding Issues, 5-Year "C" Fund Update; D.E. Clark Road R-O-W Update, and Stormwater Land Development Manual Chapter 7 - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William C. Derrick
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk