

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 12:58 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

FY10 Municipal “C” Fund Requests - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a recap of the municipal requests for “C” funds. He reported Public Works did not spend the \$50,000 budgeted the year before last, which was carried over to this year for a balance of \$100,000 in the municipal “C” Fund account. Staff recommends using the balance to pave Colonel Drive in South Congaree and Spruce and Sandy Lanes in Pine Ridge. Both projects have continued to have problems with drainage issues over the years and are maintained by the County. Mr. Fechtel said if additional funds are approved for the next fiscal year, staff will present the other requests at that time.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s recommendation for the paving of Colonial Drive, Spruce Lane and Sandy Lane with municipal “C” Funds.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Legal Closing of Carroll Hill Drive - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request by property owner, Mr. Lewis Harmon, for the legal closing of Carroll Hill Drive. The request is to close 1,215 feet of Carroll Hill Drive currently used as a driveway by the only three property owners, Mr. Harmon, Mr. David and Mrs. Louise Miller. Mr. Harmon will be responsible for all the legal costs for the closure.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s recommendation for the legal closing of Carroll Hill Drive with the property owner paying all closing costs.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Legal Closure of a Portion of Chaney Road - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from the property owner to close a portion of Chaney Road. The portion is approximately 0.96 miles which starts at the intersection of Forts Pond Road and is owned by Mr. N. Everette Kneece. The Committee said the property owner should be responsible for all the legal fees for the road closing. Staff recommends the road closure and a right-of-way for a cul-de-sac at the end of Chaney Road for adequate turnaround space.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation based on the contingency that the owner pay all legal costs for the road closure and provide right-of-way for a cul-de-sac at the end of Chaney Road.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg did not vote.

Road Striping and Pavement Marking Bid - Public Works, John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a recap of the road striping and pavement marking bid that is scheduled for Council's approval under Bids, Purchases and RFPs this afternoon. He said after Council's approval of \$200,000 for this project, bids were sent out with two options, Option A (shown as Option 1 on Bid Tabulation) - standard highway paint, which has an approximate three year life expectancy, and Option B (shown as Option 2 on Bid Tabulation) - thermoplastic paint, which has a 12-15 year life expectancy. Mr. Fechtel reported \$8,310 will cover 40 miles of road, which is 2,770 markers as bid by Carolina Pavement Markings, Inc., the lowest responsive bidder. Staff recommends approval of Option B for a total of \$199,723.63 not to exceed \$200,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendation for Option B - thermoplastic paint for the road striping and pavement marking project.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

SCDOT Sign Request - Harsey's Bridge - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from SCDOT for \$250 in "C" funds for the fabrication and placement of dedication signs for Harsey's Bridge. Harsey's Bridge is located on SC302 at the Aiken/Lexington County line. Aiken County will contribute \$250 for their half of the project. SCDOT is requesting funds based on SC State Law Article 7, Section 57-3-610.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve SCDOT's request for "C" Funds for the Harsey's Bridge dedication signs.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of February 23, March 9 and 23, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the February 23, March 9 and 23, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business - Flooding Issues - Mr. Carrigg reported he asked Mr. John Fechtel, Director of Public Works, to look into some potential remediation for the flooding issues on Kinley Creek and K-2 in the Whitehall area. Mr. Fechtel said staff would have a report available for review at the next Committee meeting. Public Works is looking at K-2 primarily because it is where some of the more major flooding issues have been and staff will look at all issues and analyze the different solutions, cost involved, funding options, and other alternatives such as channelization and detention as possible options. Mr. Carrigg reported there is an 11-acre site adjacent to the creek bed that could be used for detention. It is the property Mr. Steward Mungo gave to the County for a library site. Mr. Carrigg said Mr. Fechtel has looked at possible funding from FEMA for flood improvements that could provide up to 75 percent funding. Mr. Carrigg asked if the donation of the 11-acre site could be a match towards the 75 percent. Mr. Fechtel responded he has spoken with FEMA about this before in reference to some in-kind or contribution from the County. Mr. Carrigg said he wanted to bring it to the Committee's attention to see if there were any objections to dedicating the property site as a possible solution to the flooding issues. Staff will report back to the Committee at the next meeting on April 27th with a preliminary evaluation of the flooding issues as discussed.

New Business - Requests for Road Closures - Mr. Derrick asked is there any way Council can legally authorize staff or the County Administrator permission to allow property owners to move forward with a legal road closure without bringing each request before Council for approval. Staff requested to research and return to Council with recommendations.

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

William C. Derrick
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk