

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 2010**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, August 24, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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| William C. Derrick, Chairman | Bobby C. Keisler |
| William B. Banning, Sr. | James E. Kinard, Jr. |

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman

*Mr. Carrigg was not present due to a death in his family.

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.

FY2010-11 Municipal “C” Fund Requests - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented the following requests from municipalities for “C” Funds: Railroad Avenue in Pelion at \$7,500, Henry Street in Batesburg-Leesville at \$7,000, Lexington Avenue in Irmo at \$28,000, and Washington Street in Gilbert at \$7,500. Staff recommends funding the projects as outlined for a total of \$50,000. Mr. Fechtel reported that if any of the prior projects listed drop out for any reason, staff will return to Council with recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend that full Council approve staff’s recommendations for the FY2010-11 Municipal “C” Fund Requests.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Nick Lyles Road Partial Closing - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request to close a portion of Nick Lyles Road. Mr. Fechtel reported that the portion to be closed is approximately .85 miles. The property owners will pay all legal costs. Staff recommends approval with the stipulation that an easement be granted to the county for a cul-de-sac at the end of the portion to be left open.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to not object to the partial closing of Nick Lyles Road with easement for cul-de-sac.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Chapter 7 Land Development Manual, Agreements, Bonding and Warranties - Public Works/Stormwater - Sheri Armstrong, Manager - Ms. Armstrong presented Chapter 7 Land Development Manual, Agreements, Bonding and Warranties revisions including comments from the Home Builder's Associations. She reviewed the revisions for each section of Chapter 7 explaining that some items were either omitted at the request of HBA or reworded to incorporate some of HBA's comments and some revisions/additions were made for clarification.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations for Chapter 7.

Mr. Kinard withdrew his motion and Mr. Banning withdrew his second.

The Committee requested a Committee of the Whole Worksession with the Home Builders Association and other interested parties for Tuesday, September 14 for further discussion of Chapter 7.

Anti-Idling Policy - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator

Ms. Williams presented staff recommendations for a proposed Anti-Idling Policy for the County's fleet vehicles and equipment to prohibit unnecessary idling. This is part of an initiative of the Lexington County Green Team effort to be proactive in lowering the ground level ozone standard. Ms. Williams reported the County's fleet has 261 medium and heavy-duty diesel vehicles and 406 automobiles and light-duty vehicles. Approximately 0.5 gallons of fuel is wasted per hour as a vehicle idles and if the County's fleet vehicles were to idle for five minutes a day it would waste approximately 7,225 gallons of gas a year including unnecessary wear and tear. The proposed policy recommends not allowing a County vehicle or equipment to idle for a period not to exceed ten minutes of non use. The following shall not apply to the policy; Public Safety vehicles, airport support equipment, vehicles being serviced or repaired, operation of auxiliary equipment through intended use of the vehicle, public education or display purposes, idling to provide necessary heating or cooling of vehicle during extreme weather conditions if there is no accessible temperature-controlled area within a reasonable distance. The Committee asked about keeping records to track results. Ms. Williams replied a Sustainable Department Checklist has been presented to all departments that include reducing fuel consumption by five percent and part of the fuel reduction would be through enforcement of the Anti Idling Policy. A base line from the previous fiscal year will be established and used to compare the numbers at the end of this year to see if departments met their goals. The Committee asked to amend the proposed policy items "f" and "g" to clarify that if an employee is not going to be in a vehicle when outside temperatures are less than 40° or more than 80° the vehicle should be turned off and does not apply to policy items listed for a, b, c, d, or e.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend that full Council approve staff's recommendations for the proposed Anti-Idling Policy as amended

with clarification that if an employee is not going to be in a vehicle when outside temperatures are less than 40° or more than 80° the vehicle should be turned off and does not apply to policy items listed for a, b, c, d, or e.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Green is Good for Business Conference Sponsorship - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented a request for funds to sponsor the 2010 Climate Protection Action Campaign (CPAC) Green is Good for Business Conference in the amount of \$1,500. The funds are available in the Air Quality Supplies Account (521215).

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to sponsor the 2010 Climate Protection Action Campaign (CPAC) Green is Good for Business Conference.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of July 27, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the July 27, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

New Road - Corley Mill/Riverchase - Mr. John Fechtel, Public Works Director, reported that he, Councilman Johnny Jeffcoat, and Mayor Halfacre met with Lexington School District One several weeks ago. The School District plans to build three schools off Corley Mill Road, a high school on Corley Mill and two schools on Jenny Lane with a new road to tie into Highway 378. They have a proposal for a road that would connect the new Corley Mill High School to the development on the other side of Twelve Mile Creek. The Committee requested staff to come back with traffic solutions for the Corley Mill and Highway 378 area.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Material for Road Swells, Assessment of Ponds Inventory, Flooding Issues - 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