

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2011**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
Kenneth Brad Matthews	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.

Draft NPDES MS4 Permit Changes and Comments - Public Works - Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator - Ms. Williams presented a request to approve the proposed draft NPDES MS4 Permit changes and comments. A Power Point was included with the presentation. The permit went on public notice March 1, 2011 and comments are due to the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (DHEC) by April 1, 2011. Ms. Williams provided an outline with the proposed major changes, comments and related cost to be submitted to DHEC. Staff has submitted the proposed costs as part of the Public Works FY2010/11 budget for review. Staff also requested authorization for the Chairman to sign the cover letter to go with the comments for submission to DHEC.

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations for the proposed permit changes and comments with a cover letter signed by Council Chairman for submission to DHEC.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Detention Pond Assessment - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel provided follow-up information on the detention pond assessment. A Power Point was provided as part of the presentation. He reported they have identified 140 county maintained ponds and approximately 1,200 privately maintained ponds which in most cases are commercial within the County. Public Works staff has cleaned up less than half of the county maintained ponds. Mr. Fechtel said with the new addition of a skid steer, with mulcher, it has greatly increased the progress of the project allowing staff to mulch in place

saving a considerable amount of money. Staff plans to utilize herbicides to control re-growth after each pond is “rehabilitated.” Mr. Fechtel reported under the new NPDES Permit, staff will have to inspect the 1,200 privately maintained ponds every five years. He presented before and after images of some of the “rehabilitated” ponds. Staff will continue to provide updates and status on the clean up progress. For information only, no action taken.

Kinley Creek Watershed Follow-up - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel provided a follow-up on the Kinley Creek Watershed. He reported that a detailed study needs to be done in order to qualify for FEMA assistance. The FEMA grant could provide up to \$4 million with a County match of \$1 million. The estimated cost of the study is \$250,000. Staff recommends funding one-third of the cost through “C” Funds of \$83,333 which leaves \$166,667 to come from other sources. Ms. Hubbard, County Administrator, suggested the Committee authorize \$167,000 from general fund contingency. Staff was asked to return to the next meeting with criteria to rank the flood areas similar to the roads by number of households affected, amount of monies put into the problem and establish three or four criteria. Mr. Fechtel responded that it may take some time meeting with municipalities to establish an acceptable priority system before staff can get the numbers needed for a priority system. The Committee requested the information before the budget proceedings as well as funding suggestions. For information only, no action taken.

Victor Road Request - SCDOT - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel, Public Works Director, presented a request from SCDOT for payment of \$1,500 for legal fees associated with securing the right-of-way for the paving of Victor Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Matthews to recommend full Council approve staff’s recommendation to approve SCDOT’s request.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Waterline Easement Request - Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request from the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission for a waterline easement on County property. The property is located at the corner of Maxie and Old Cherokee Roads. Staff recommends granting the easement request contingent on approval by the County Attorney.

A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve the Commission’s request contingent on approval from the County Attorney and with the acceptance of the Commission after the County Attorney’s approval.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 8, 2011 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve the February 8, 2011 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Traffic Congestion, Alternate Material for Road Swells, Stormwater Land Development Manual Chapter 7 - None.

Old Business - New Road - Corley Mill/Riverchase - Mr. Banning asked about the progress on the new Corley Mill Road and that he be kept updated on the status.

Old Business - Goldstone Road Bridge - Mr. Fechtel reported the decision on Goldstone Road Bridge was postponed until after Messrs. Jeffcoat and Matthews met with area residents. Mr. Matthews reported after hearing from Mr. Randy Edwards, County Engineer; and Chief Sonfield, Irmo Fire Chief; at the meeting, the majority was in favor of the new Nursery Road Bridge. Staff requested to return with recommendations at the next Committee meeting on April 12, 2011.

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