

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 23, 2011**

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Cullum, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

M. Todd Cullum, Chairman	Bobby C. Keisler, V Chairman
K. Brad Matthews	William B. Banning, Sr.
James E. Kinard, Jr.	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, III, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

“C” Fund Request - Chapin Area - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel, Public Works Director, presented a “C” Fund request for a proposed road connecting Amick’s Ferry Road at Zion Church Road to Lexington Avenue in Chapin. He reported that Council had previously approved partial funding for a public/private partnership with a church for a connector road but could not obtain all the right-of-way necessary from Amick’s Ferry to Lexington Avenue. The County has been approached by several developers to assist with a connector road at Amick’s Ferry Road at Zion Church Road to Lexington Avenue. The developers will give the County the right-of-way. The new road would assist with the local traffic congestion off of Chapin Road. The estimated cost is \$480,000 for approximately 0.25 miles. Mr. Fechtel reported if the project is approved, the County would approve the design by the developers and then bid out the project on behalf of the County. Staff recommends approving \$150,000 from the “C” Fund Classified Account (2700-121300-539900) with the developers paying the difference of any cost over \$150,000. The new road would be a County maintained road.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s recommendation for “C” Funds for a connector road in Chapin.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Columbia Avenue (S-48) Update - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented a request to authorize staff to proceed with submittal of an application to the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to qualify as a Local Public Agency Administration (LPAA) for the Columbia Avenue project. Mr. Fechtel reported it may take three to four months to be approved and during that time the Central Midlands Council of Government (COG) should have the funding available for construction. Ms. Hubbard said this is a good size project for the County to be the local public agency administrator and the right opportunity. The Committee directed staff to move forward with the application process and, if approved, return with funding and the participation agreement. No vote necessary.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of June 28 and July 26, 2011 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve the June 28 and July 26, 2011 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

Old Business - Pine Glen Alternate Exit - Mr. Matthews asked if Mr. Fechtel had any contact from the homeowners association on Pine Glen about an alternate exit. He said there is a neighborhood with only one exit in or out and at times a train blocks residents from entering or exiting. Mr. Fechtel said this is an issue that was dealt with several years ago. He reported SCE&G had property in the area and tried to work with the residents on right-of-way issues then it just came to a stop. Mr. Matthews said he received an email that SCANA was going to grant the neighborhood the right-of-way that was needed. Mr. Fechtel responded staff would follow up.

Old Business - Woodmoor Project - Mr. Matthews reported that he has heard nothing but good things on the Woodmoor Project. Mr. Fechtel said it has been a challenging project and that most of the property owners are pleased.

Old Business - Stormwater Utility Fees - Mr. Cullum reported that staff met on Wednesday, August 17 with municipalities on flooding issues. Mr. Fechtel said staff would present a report with feedback from the municipalities at the next committee meeting.

Old Business - Corley Mill and Lexington School District One - Mr. Davis said he was getting calls from residents in his district asking questions about the Corley Mill Road and new school timeline. Mr. Cullum responded that the next meeting planned is Thursday after the next Central Midlands Council of Government (COG) meeting with Council members, COG, South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) and school officials. Mr. Fechtel reported they are looking at all possible alternatives and SCDOT is aggressively trying to work on the potential short-term and long-term solutions. He said possibly within the next 30 days they may have some options to present to the businesses in the area. The problem is right at the intersection of Corley Mill, Ginny Lane and Highway 378. Mr. Cullum asked that Planning & GIS be involved with the discussions. It was noted that Lexington School District One is the only school getting the penny sales tax and it was mentioned they need to help with the roads.

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