

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Isle of Palms, South Carolina

March 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the Public Works building, 1303 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Present were Chairman Bettelli, Committee members Cronin and Hanbury, City Administrator Tucker, Public Works Director Pitts, and Planning Director Douglas Kerr.

1. Call to Order. Councilman Bettelli called the meeting to order and stated that members of the press and the public had been duly notified in accordance with State Law.

2. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes.

MOTION: Councilwoman Hanbury made a motion to approve the February 12, 2007 minutes as presented; seconded by Councilman Cronin; MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Councilwoman Hanbury noted that she had some minor changes to the January Monthly Department Report (**Exhibit A**).

3. Citizens' Comments. Charles Duncan, 12 Thirteenth Avenue. Mr. Duncan's property is contiguous to the two lots recently purchased by the City. He is concerned about the noise, pollution with run-off, and smell of the garbage trucks. He would prefer that the garbage trucks not be parked at the end of the street. He asked to please keep him informed of the City's plans with these lots. Dick Glave of 9 Thirteenth Avenue reiterated Mr. Duncan's concerns. Administrator Tucker stated until the City decides what to do with the property, the lots will be leveled and wildflowers will be planted. How these properties will fit into the overall plan will not be known until the City first decides where the Public Safety Building will be placed. At this time there are conceptual drawings, but no plan.

Chairman Bettelli asked to defer the monthly report and go right into Old Business.

5. Old Business

E. NPDES Water Management Plan

Building and Planning Director Douglas Kerr presented an overview of the NPDES Program. The Environmental Protection Agency handed down through OCRM or the State a mandate for the City to permit any water that goes into any receiving water body. Basically, any stormwater run-off has to be permitted. There is a six step program to meet NPDES requirements. Two of the steps need to be considered immediately. These two steps basically deal with construction and what is done at a construction site to minimize pollutant run-off. The City will need to adopt an ordinance and have some type

of program in place for this by September 07. On the broader horizon, other steps of the program will need to be implemented. The City needs to decide if it will develop and implement this program itself, or if an outside agency will be used. Charleston County could be used for this program. The County charges \$36 per residential tax bill (the property owner would pay) and another fee for commercial tax bills. They would collect the money and implement the program. The towns of Sullivan's Island and Folly Beach have already agreed to partner with Charleston County on this program. Mr. Kerr stated the City needs to decide if their charges are too much money for the residents of Isle of Palms, and if another agency should be considered to implement this program.

Joe Fersner of Woolpert Company presented the Committee with additional information on the program. Mr. Fersner, who previously worked for DHEC, stated his company is on contract to work with Charleston County on this program. The City could sign-up with the County, directly with Woolpert Company, or with another firm. Mr. Fersner gave his overview of the program. As he interprets it, if one is disturbing a half acre or less, one gets automatic coverage if the project are within a half mile of the receiving water body and would not have to submit an individual notice of intent application. However, one would still use best management practices. The program is currently in Phase II; there was not a Phase I for the eight coastal counties. Mr. Fersner stated that as an example, Greenville County was a Phase I community. Greenville County has spent \$4-5 million per year. Richland County was a Phase I community and were found to not be in compliance with their Phase I permit. They were fined \$800,000 by DHEC. The EPA may increase the fine. Administrator Tucker submitted that if the City decided to do this, it would have to impose some type of fee structure like Mount Pleasant has done to offset the cost. Mr. Fersner stated that if the City entered into an agreement with Charleston County, the County takes on the responsibility of ensuring that all people under their umbrella are in compliance. The County has also said that if this program costs less than planned, then the County would give money back to the community in the form of public works projects.

MOTION: Councilman Bettelli made a motion to pursue the County hard and fast so we can look at all the elements and critically review the contract terms; seconded by Councilwoman Hanbury; MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Administrator Tucker stated that Charleston County is currently working on an agreement, and it probably will not be ready before the Council meeting. The Town of Sullivan's Island has written a letter to the County stating they are interested in the County performing the NPDES service for them. The City will prepare a letter for Charleston County, because if the cost is as great as Mr. Fersner says and the County did not do it, a bid for services would need to be prepared, and there is not enough time to do that.

A. Beach Management Plan (Status)

Administrator Tucker stated the deadline is this Friday, March 16, 2007 to turn in comments. To date, she has not received any comments. Administrator Tucker noted that Councilman Bettelli had mentioned a concern about a year listed in the plan. He stated that it was on page 48, second paragraph from the bottom, last sentence. It refers to the year 2005 and believes it should be 2006. The Plan itself will be revised before presenting to Council, hopefully by the end of the month.

F. Review of proposed new website

Administrator Tucker gave an overview of the proposed new website.

B. RFB for pre-disaster response post-storm debris removal (Update)

Administrator Tucker stated no progress has been made.

C. Waterway Boulevard Bike Path Replacement

Administrator Tucker stated she had nothing to report at this time.

D. 21st Avenue Beach Access (CDBG)

Administrator Tucker stated we are waiting to hear if the City received funding.

Councilman Bettelli asked for any other old business. Councilwoman Hanbury presented a change she would like regarding the rollout cart ordinance. She recommended that the ordinance be changed to take out the line “except for such times when lawfully placed for collection, no carts shall be allowed to remain clearly visible from the street or the right of way.” The reason to take it out is that she believes the City will never enforce it. Chairman Bettelli asked to defer this discussion until the next meeting.

6. New Business

A. Review of Operating Budget for FY07-08

Administrator Tucker reviewed the proposed operating budget. Councilwoman Hanbury inquired why we pick up commercial waste. Administrator Tucker reported that a new five year contract has just been renewed, and the item cannot be changed at this time.

MOTION: Chairman Bettelli made a motion to pass the budget to the Ways and Means Committee; seconded by Councilman Cronin; MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

B. Drainage: Hartnett and Twenty-ninth Avenue.

First, Councilman Cronin inquired about the resurfacing at Twenty-seventh and Twenty-ninth Avenues. Director Pitts stated SCDOT is also resurfacing on Hartnett from Twenty-first through Thirty-fourth Avenues.

Drainage Basin Area. Chariman Bettelli stated this is not just a Harnett and Twenty-ninth Avenue problem. It goes all the way back to Waterway Boulevard. Hartnett and Twenty-ninth are evidently two separate drainage water sheds. Director Pitts stated it all drains to 30th Avenue and exits the Island under Waterway Boulevard. It drains

Twenty-ninth Avenue, Thirtieth Avenue, Wills Way, all of Lauden, Skinner and Chapman. From the golf course side toward the Intracoastal Waterway it has vegetation that was not cut, and was not contracted by Eadie's under the five year plan. They only cut to that bridge, which has been cleaned and there is very slowly running water to the point until there is vegetation. Basically from the bridge to the Live Oak is being proposed to be cleaned. Director Pitts stated he thinks the City or the County has the right to clean that ditch. He noted the City should show golf personnel the drainage problem. This whole system with the collection boxes at Chapman has yet to be cleaned on the five year plan. Administrator Tucker noted that the City needs to make sure that we do not get into areas where the vegetation may be considered wetlands. Chairman Bettelli inquired if an engineer needs to look at it to verify what Eadie's is saying. Director Pitts stated the first thing he needs to do is to talk with golf course personnel and to get permission from OCRM. Chairman Bettelli inquired if the City needs to be authorized to get an opinion from a civil engineer on the drainage. Administrator Tucker stated that Tony Maglione with Applied Technology is already familiar with the area. Administrator Tucker stated a civil engineering opinion is probably needed because the water probably will not drain properly from where the fall is on the two sides to the outfall. Cleaning will improve the flow, but more underground pipes might be needed. Chairman Bettelli stated to talk to the golf course personnel and get a price for the engineering study.

4. Monthly Department Report for February 2007

Councilman Bettelli stated that Director Pitts was available to answer questions regarding the monthly department report. **(Exhibit B)**

7. Miscellaneous

Set Date for Next Meeting - 4:30 Monday, April 9, 2007 at the Public Works Building.

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Bettelli, Chairman