



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 5, 2020
City Hall Conference Room
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Pounds, Smith, and Streetman

Staff Present: Asst. Administrator Hanna, Director Pitts, Asst. Director Asero

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – February 6, 2020

Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting, and Council Member Smith seconded the motion. Council Member Smith requested more detail in the minutes of Asst. Director Asero's department report. The minutes passed unanimously.

3. Citizens' Comments – none

4. Department Reports – Director Pitts and Assistant Director Asero

Director Pitts reported that yard debris collection was up and garbage collection amounts were flat for the month of February. He shared that miscellaneous trash has been going to Palmetto Commerce. While the mileage to this location is the same, he is concerned about the amount of time the truck will be off the island having to travel Ashley Phosphate and Dorchester roads, noting this will decrease their efficiency. He said he will be speaking to Joe Dawson, attorney for County Council, about using Carolina Waste off Leeds Avenue to dispose of the miscellaneous trash.

Asst. Director Asero noted the uncovered stormwater inlet box is on Chatman and not Loudon Avenue. He reported that Charleston County is scheduled to create a drain swale at #24 29th Avenue and is also scheduled for cleaning at 30th and Wills Way. He also shared that SCDOT installed a whale tail at 25th and cleaned out the drop inlet at 25th Avenue and Tabby Lane. Eadie's is working on annual ditch maintenance. Asst. Director shared other projects the Public Works staff has worked on in February including the cleaning of vegetation and drainpipes on 45th Avenue, the installation of security fencing around the Morgan Creek Grill, the installation of the generator at the Public Works building, and the scheduling of the potholing utilities for the small internal drainage projects. A complete listing of the work done by the Public Works department can be found in the agenda packet for this meeting on the City's website. He said he is waiting for estimates for the Front Beach patio before that project can be finalized. Lastly, he

shared that the contract with Sweeping South for the cleaning of the IOP Connector has been increased to 4 sweeps per month, noting that the costs came in under budget.

Director Pitts notified the Committee about the sidewalk replacement at 7th-10th avenues along Ocean Boulevard. Council Member Smith asked about pooling at 23rd Avenue, and Asst. Director Asero said it has not yet been fixed but is on schedule to be done. Director Pitts also shared Charleston County will host a recycle day on April 18 from 9-12 at which time the City will host a shredding event and the Rotary Club will be conducting a beach sweep.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Phase III Drainage and small internal projects

Asst. Administrator Hanna shared, “Permitting and design is still in progress, and we are meeting with Thomas & Hutton. That is scheduled for next Tuesday. So we will have more updates post that meeting about where their progress is.”

B. Update on IOP Connector and sidewalk extension project

Asst. Director Asero said all estimates needed for completion of the project have been received. He reported that Charleston County needs to return to do a little bit more grading. Staff is working with the Garden Club and expects the landscaping to be complete in 30-45 days. They are waiting on an estimate for the painting of the building.

C. Update on drainage project on Ocean Boulevard between 1st and 3rd avenues

Asst. Administrator Hanna said, “The County is doing a legal review regarding the contract prior to executing and issuing a notice to proceed. The project schedule will require the work to be completed prior to Memorial Day.”

D. Update on improvements to the multi-use path on Waterway Boulevard

Asst. Administrator Hanna reported that the funding application has been submitted to the TST. He noted that Public Works staff has done a lot of work highlighting trip and fall hazards. He added, “We are in the middle of scheduling a contractor to grind and soften the cracks.” Council Member Pounds said he would like to see City Council move forward with the needed improvements with or without TST funding. Asst. Administrator Hanna noted that if the City went forward with making the improvements TST funding may not allow for reimbursement of those monies. Committee members are committed to fixing the pathway.

6. New Business

Consideration of recommendation for the Signal 30 Award

Council Member Smith would like for the Committee to consider awarding the Signal 30 award to Howard Hough, also known as “Beach Santa” for his efforts in cleaning up the beach, making the public aware of the dangers of cigarette butts on the beach, and acting as the City’s Santa in the past at no cost to the City. Council Member Pounds said he would like to hear more information on the award, its past recipients, and whether or not the award is limited to Isle of

Palms residents before making a decision. Council Member Smith would like to award Mr. Hough before the beach season begins and use that as another means to communicate the new clean beach ordinances.

7. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Smith made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk