

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, 2011 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Stone and Thomas, Chair Duffy, City Administrator Tucker, Public Works Director Pitts, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland. A quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Chair Duffy called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2011 as submitted; Councilmember Thomas seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Chair Duffy moved to re-order the agenda to discuss the first item under New Business, Consideration of Scout Project; Councilmember Thomas seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ashley Prentice was present to explain her request to the Committee. Ms. Prentice stated that she was attempting to complete the Girl Scouts Gold Award, which is comparable to Eagle Scout for the Boy Scouts. She stated that she is proposing to build benches at two (2) beach access paths on the island; the specifications for the benches are attached to her written request. She is suggesting that the benches be placed at 1st, 2nd or 6th avenues; she provided colored pictures of the sites. (Copies of her request are attached to the historical record of the meeting). To provide future maintenance of the benches, a part of her project is the "Adopt a Bench" program for younger Girl Scout troops in the area.

Responding to Administrator Tucker's query, Ms. Prentice acknowledged that her brother had place benches at 3rd, 4th and 7th Avenues as a step in earning his Eagle Scout level. One difference between the two (2) projects is that she wants to add an educational plaque to each bench explaining the importance of the sand dunes and why sustaining the dunes is important to the beach ecosystem; in addition, the plaques would educate residents and visitors alike about the impact of the dunes on the environment and native habitat.

MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved to recommend to City Council the approval of Ms. Prentice's Gold Scout project; Chair Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

After Ms. Prentice thanked the Committee for its support, Administrator Tucker informed her that she should attend the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26 to answer any questions Councilmembers might have. The Administrator suggested that she bring photographs of benches her brother had built for Council to see how they will look and how they have weathered the past few years.

3. Citizens' Comments – None

4. Department Reports for June 2011 – Director Pitts

Director Pitts started by thanking the residents of the island for their assistance in cleaning the beach after the July 4th holiday. A focus for Public Works' personnel in June was beach sweeps; debris was removed on twelve (12) days. Personnel were also involved in the removal of the broken concrete median at the IOP Connector intersection; the Director stated that he had been assured by SCDOT that the median would be properly repaired. The garbage tonnage was very close to the volume of June 2010. Director Pitts noted that vehicle maintenance had been high for the month, but he had replaced tires for several vehicles in preparation for the tourist season; the expenditures for the year were under budget.

5. Old Business

Update on Drainage Projects

Administrator Tucker reported that Eadie's continues to relocate the electrical conflicts, but anticipates being back to normal progress by the end of the week. Substantial completion is expected in August.

Councilmember Thomas asked about the number of complaints from residents who have had their driveways or lawns disrupted by the construction; the Administrator responded that she has been pleased with the low number of complaints. She noted that the residents who have been inconvenienced have been most accommodating to work with the contractors; she surmised that the residents have been so pleased see the drainage project that they have been willing to tolerate the inconveniences.

6. New Business

A. Consideration of Scout Project – considered earlier in the meeting

B. Consideration of Contracts in Excess of \$10,000 – None

7. Miscellaneous Business

Beach Monitoring Results for June 2011 – not yet received

Administrator Tucker announced that the City been recognized as the "Cleanest Beach in South Carolina," a designation that related to ocean quality testing. In addition, the City has been recognized as the "Best Restored Beach;" this information has been included in the packets sent out by the Charleston Visitors Bureau.

Director Pitts reported that in the first year of the ditch maintenance contract, Eadie's completed the right-of-way ditch between 20th and 21st Avenues and the Red & White ditch.

Next Meeting Date: 4 p.m., Wednesday, September 7, 2011

8. Adjourn

**MOTION: Councilmember Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m.;
Chair Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk