

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
4 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held at 4 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at the Public Works Building, 1301 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Council member Duffy, Chairman Bettelli, City Administrator Tucker, Public Works Director Pitts, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland. The absence of Councilwoman Bergwerf was excused.

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

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

**MOTION: Councilman Duffy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2009 as submitted; Chairman Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

4. **Department Report for October – Director Pitts**

Director Pitts reported that garbage collections had been equal to those of 2008; he also noted that beach access paths had been cleaned at 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenues. The sidewalks were cleaned between 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenues and at Breach Inlet; the Breach Inlet right-of-way had also been cut. The island's pooper-scoopers were serviced twice; one (1) shower in the public restrooms had been repaired and the Connector had been cleared of heavy debris at the end of the month. The South Carolina Department of Transportation has been on the island repairing potholes on the portion of the road between 56<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> Avenues parallel to Palm Boulevard, as well as on 53<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The Director pointed out one (1) major expense on the Vehicle Maintenance Report, and it was to the truck referred to as PW1; the repairs were for a motor rebuild that had been discussed at the previous meeting resulting from the ethanol in the gasoline.

5. **Old Business**

A. **Update on 54<sup>th</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project**

Assistant Dziuban recalled that the City's engineer Dave Stevens had been asked by the Lowe Wild Dune investors to determine whether a line could be re-located in anticipation of future development; when Mr. Stevens went back to the site for evaluation, he found that the line could not be moved because of infrastructure already in place. Therefore, the design is the original one presented to and approved by the Lowe Wild Dune investors. Civil Site Engineering (CSE) has completed the application for the land disturbance permit to Charleston County; the City has also received a "quick and dirty" estimate for the project, without project engineering oversight, that is just over seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000). Administrator Tucker noted that there is approximately eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) in the City's project fund;

should Council decide to do so, the potential to move forward with the project in the near term exists.

Chairman Bettelli stated that having a “shovel-ready” project could also make the project acceptable to other funding sources.

**B. Update on 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue Sidewalk**

Councilman Bettelli commented that the project appears to be done except for the area between the First United Methodist Church and Palm Boulevard. Administrator Tucker reported that staff tried to contact SCDOT prior to the meeting to find out when they plan to return to complete the sidewalk; the Administrator said the City would continue to communicate with SCDOT for completion information.

**6. New Business**

**A. Report on Eadies Progress**

Director Pitts reported that Eadies had been at 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue last week.

As Eadies is in the fifth year of a five-year (5 yr) contract, Administrator Tucker commented that the Committee needed to get information from Eadies to develop a future plan; she expressed the need for the City to continue with the maintenance plans to keep the island's drainage issues at bay.

**B. Discussion of Acceptance of Drainage Easement at 2001 Waterway Boulevard**

Chairman Bettelli reminded the Committee that a copy of a document to dedicate the easement at 2001 Waterway Boulevard to the City was included in meeting packets. Building Director Kerr arrived as this topic was introduced for discussion, and, having been the person most involved in this matter, he was asked to explain the situation to the Committee. Director Kerr stated that there was a pipe that has been in place for many years running between Waterway Boulevard and the creek behind it that goes to one (1) side of the property line, rather than along the property line. When the architect consulted with Mr. Kerr about the distance the structure had to be away from the pipe, Mr. Kerr replied to him that the structure had to be out of the drainage easement because the law states that one cannot build over a drainage easement. The architect informed Mr. Kerr that there was no drainage easement. After consulting with Attorney Sottile and Director Pitts, a reasonable distance was determined to keep the house away from the pipe and, as a condition of granting the building permit, the builders were asked to grant the easement to the City; by doing so, the City could have access to maintain the easement. Basically the situation facing the City is that some portion of neighborhood's storm water is going through an individual's property, and, if there were to be some kind of problem, the City would not have the right to access the property to rectify the problem. The owners are willing to provide the easement to the City; attorneys for both the City and the property owners have reviewed and approved the documents. Mr. Kerr noted that there is an area of pavement

over the easement, but the property owner has agreed to be responsible for that area should it be disturbed by maintenance or repair.

**MOTION: Councilman Bettelli moved to recommend to City Council to accept the dedication of the drainage easement at 2001 Waterway Boulevard; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. Synopsis of SCE&G Underground Wiring Proposal**

Administrator Tucker noted that the project had been under consideration for approximately a year; the project relates to the landward backside of certain Ocean Boulevard properties. There are three (3) properties included that have not granted an easement to SCE&G; SCE&G has asked for the City's assistance in acquiring those easements. If the easements cannot be acquired, SCE&G would not be in a position to go forward with the under-grounding project in that area. The City sent letters to the property owners of the three (3) properties today urging cooperation from them.

In the same meeting, SCE&G also discussed future work to be done to increase the ability to service the capacity demand in Wild Dunes; all of the power for Wild Dunes comes through the transmission lines emanating from behind City Hall. Administrator Tucker explained that SCE&G's plan is to come create some redundancy that will increase their ability to service the future demands of the Wild Dunes area. This situation appears to be an opportune time to use the non-standard service clause to increase the under-grounding of power lines by allowing what was done for the Public Safety Building to meet the City Hall area. There is also the possibility that SCE&G will need to acquire an easement from the City to accomplish their goal of additional power for Wild Dunes. SCE&G will be presenting the additional cost estimates to the City for the under-grounding, as well as additional information concerning the need for an easement from the City that would likely be at the City's property at #8 and #10 Thirteenth Avenue.

**D. Contracts in Excess of \$10,000**

**1. Consideration of Bids for Trash Pumps**

Director Pitts explained that, based on the City's application, the two (2) low bids were Godwin Pumps Bid A at \$26,179.80 and Service Industrial Supply at \$31,981.92; after studying the specifications of the two (2) low bids, Director Pitts concluded that the companies were bidding the same pumps. This pump is the same as the one (1) the City currently owns, and the one (1) that the City owned for sixteen (16) years that malfunctioned earlier this year, meaning that the useful life, based on the City's use, should be sixteen (16) years. The Director, therefore, recommended three (3) of the Multiquip QP4TZ pumps with trailers for \$26,179.80 from Godwin Pumps.

For general information, Director Pitts stated that, in his opinion, the bigger pumps quoted were more suited to a paper or steel plant that was pumping sludge continuously; the City's application – pumping storm water – did not warrant that type pump.

In response to Councilman Duffy's question, Director Pitts responded that all of the pumps had a one (1) year warranty. The Director also reported that Godwin has been the vendor when the City had to rent pumps, and the City has an excellent business relationship with them.

Administrator Tucker reminded the Committee that this was a budgeted expense with thirty-six thousand dollars (\$36,000) in the budget for the purchase of pumps.

**MOTION: Councilman Duffy moved to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee to award a contract to Godwin Pumps in the amount of \$26,179.80 for three (3) trash pumps, Model Multiquip QP4TZ, with trailers; Chairman Bettelli seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Award of State Contract Pricing for Truck Replacement**

Chairman Bettelli initiated the discussion by stating that this purchase was the replacement of a truck, not an increase to the City's vehicular fleet.

Director Pitts explained that truck PW17 is a Ford F150 with two-wheel drive that has been used primarily for the pickup of miscellaneous debris items and for the assistant to drive temp workers to work locations. Having all four-wheel drive vehicles would make the Department more versatile when the Director's truck is off-island for whatever reason. He indicated that the other vehicles capable of going onto the beach are shuttle trucks that are picking up garbage in the summer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; therefore, the Department does not have the capability to pickup miscellaneous debris from the beach. If this purchase were to be approved, the Director's vehicle, PW1, would become the beach debris pickup truck, would transport temp labor and would be assigned to the Assistant Director. The two-wheel drive F150 could either be sold on gov.deals or at the auction in Summerville.

Administrator Tucker noted that this was also a budgeted expense.

Director Pitts reported that he has two (2) bids; they are as follows;

- 1) 4-wheel drive, 6-cylinder Toyota for \$27, 403.00, and
- 2) 4-wheel drive, 8-cylinder Ford for \$20,962.00.

The Director stated that either truck would need to have rhino-lining installed for approximately five hundred dollars (\$500).

**MOTION: Chairman Bettelli moved to recommend to the Ways and Means Committee to award a contract to Jones Ford on state contract pricing in the amount of \$20,962.00 for a Ford F150, 4-wheel drive, 8 cylinder truck, plus applicable sales taxes and the rhino-lining to be added later; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Miscellaneous Business**

**A. Charleston County Award of \$50,000 for Lauden Street Drainage and CTC Award of \$100,000 for 54<sup>th</sup> to 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drainage Project**

Administrator Tucker commented that it was wonderful to have the continued support from Charleston County and the CTC for the City's infrastructure needs through the fifty thousand

dollars (\$50,000) for Lauden Street and an additional one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 54<sup>th</sup> through 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue drainage. She encouraged the Committee members to thank the members of County Council when they meet one another.

**B. Deferral of Previous CTC Award for Resurfacing of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue**

Director Pitts reported that the Isle of Palms Water and Sewer Commission requested that the re-surfacing of 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue be deferred until it completed its infrastructure project, and the work has been deferred.

**C. September and October Beach Monitoring Results**

Chairman Bettelli reported that the beach monitoring results for September and October had been satisfactory. Administrator Tucker informed the Committee that Assistant Dziuban was completing the Blue Wave application for 2010.

**Next Meeting Date: 4 p.m., Wednesday, January 6, 2010.**

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Chairman Bettelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.; Councilman Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk