



Richland County Council

TRANSPORTATION AD HOC COMMITTEE

October 2, 2017 – 12:30 PM

Legal Conference Room

2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Manning, Chair; Norman Jackson, and Paul Livingston

OTHERS PRESENT: Calvin “Chip” Jackson, Dalhi Myers, Shawn Salley, Tony Edwards, Roger Sears, Michelle Onley, Gerald Seals, Shane Kitchens, and Sandra Yudice

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Manning called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. September 6, 2017 – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **FARROW/PISGAH CHURCH ROAD INTERSECTION PROJECT**
 - a. **Proposed Resolution for acquisition of 1.19 acres from South Carolina DDSN** – Mr. Manning stated the negotiations have been finalized between Richland County and the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs for the purchase of property needed. The purchase requires a resolution by Council with 3 readings and a public hearing. Staff respectfully requests the committee to concur with the proposed resolution.

Mr. Willoughby stated Council had previously approved the acquisition in fee the property necessary to for the road widening and the acquisition of an easement for SCE&G to relocate their facilities that would be interfered with as a result of this plan. The condemnation action was started and there was a challenge by the Department of Disabilities and the Department of Administration. There have been ongoing negotiations and the proposal, subject to Council’s approval, is to acquire all of the property (1.19 acres) in fee. The Department of Transportation is in agreement with the acquisition of all of the property. Once the property has been acquired in fee, the County will convey to SCE&G an easement in the property. Once Council has approved the recommendation, the closing will move forward. Subsequently, after the ordinance has passed an easement can be conveyed to SCE&G for the property.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. Proposed Ordinance Granting of permanent easement to SCE&G

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation for approval. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **BLUFF ROAD WIDENING PHASE I: PROPOSED ORDINANCE FOR QUITCLAIM OF PROPERTY** – Mr. Manning stated in the survey and design of Bluff Road Phase I project, a discrepancy was discovered between tract 5 and the County-owned right-of-way along Rosewood Drive. The property owner has requested the County quitclaim this property and County staff concurs as it does not have any foreseeable impacts to the County or operations of the roadway, sidewalks or utilities. Staff respectfully requests the committee to concur with the proposed ordinance and forward to Council for consideration.

Mr. Livingston moved, seconded by Mr. N. Jackson, to forward to Council with a recommendation for approval.

Mr. Livingston inquired as to why this was not done earlier.

Mr. Willoughby stated once the condemnation notice was served on the landowner, there appeared to be a discrepancy between the County's surveys and the landowner's survey. There was a meeting held on site with the County's and the landowners surveyors. The landowner has accepted the County's easement right-of-ways, which entails the landowner giving the County more land than the County originally proposed to take. Along Rosewood Drive there was a section of land which the County's survey indicated the County had no ownership interest in. The landowner requested the County convey, by quitclaim deed, the interest in that section of Rosewood Drive.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **PROGRAM STATUS UPDATE** – Mr. Manning stated the monthly Progress Report is produced each month and provides a status of where the projects in development currently stand. This report is available on the Richland Penny website. In addition, this report will be provided for the Transportation Ad Hoc committee members with each monthly meeting of the ad hoc. Staff is available to answer any questions.

Mr. Manning stated a previous meeting the committee determined they would like to have on the agenda, at least once a month, a Program Status Update.

Mr. Beaty stated he did not bring additional hard copies to the meeting since the August update was provided at September 6th committee meeting and the September update has not been completed. As an overview:

- The following four (4) large projects are close to going to construction; although there are still permitting and right-of-way issues.
 - Clemson Road Widening
 - Atlas Road Widening
 - Southeast Richland Neighborhood
 - Greene Street – Phase II
- Clemson/Northsprings Intersection has been completed.
- Bluff Road Widening Phase I has been completed.
- Groundbreaking on N. Main will be October 3rd at 11:00 AM – Hyatt Park
- Groundbreaking for Hardscrabble is scheduled for October 11th at Rehoboth Baptist Church
- 110 resurfacing projects (Package H) were completed
- Sidewalk in Rosewood was completed in the last week

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The Dirt Road Program status report was provided to the committee and Council members present.

Mr. C. Jackson stated at a previous meeting there was discussion regarding the right-of-way issues on Atlas Road and inquired about the status of those issues.

Mr. Edwards stated Ms. Myers still had some questions regarding this project.

Ms. Myers stated her issues had to do with the community members who had property condemned. There has been some dispute as to proper notice. She is meeting with the community tonight to ensure everyone is onboard with the project.

Mr. C. Jackson stated the reason he brought up the issues is there is residential development slated to begin in that area in January and did not want it to be delayed. It is his understanding the Atlas Road Widening will also begin in January.

Mr. Beaty stated it will be a little bit later than January when Atlas Road Widening begins. The start will hinge on getting the railroad permits and finalizing the right-of-way process. The earliest construction can be advertised will be March or April. Construction will begin approximately 2 months after that.

Mr. Manning inquired if Mr. Beaty was providing the requested information for the financial advisors.

Mr. Beaty stated he is delivering a packet later in the day and will be working with Mr. Edwards to nail down any additional information that may be needed.

Mr. Manning stated as Chair of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee he will be willing to assist in any way needed.

Ms. Myers stated there are not dates provided on the Dirt Road status report that was distributed. She inquired if there are any dates when to expect this work to be done.

Mr. Beaty stated some of the projects have specific dates, but many of them are still in design and do not have assigned dates because they have not been assigned to an On-Call Team.

Ms. Myers stated it would be helpful if the ones that have specific dates were identified.

Mr. Manning inquired if the Dirt Road Ad Hoc Committee took this matter up.

Mr. C. Jackson stated there were 33 projects removed. He requested clarification on what this means, why and how this happens, and if there any funds associated with the removal.

Mr. Beaty stated the projects listed as removed were projects that were identified to go into design and then the right-of-way acquisition and public involvement began. Those roads were then removed due to a lack of support from the residents meeting a greater than 25% threshold. If a road is removed they continue going down the list of dirt road projects.

Mr. Edwards stated there was no dollar figure placed on the road at the time of removal. Some of the roads were removed by Public Works, Consent/Deny process or property owners not wanting their roads paved.

Mr. C. Jackson inquired if the list was published somewhere and now that these roads are not going to be paved has that been communicated, as well.

Mr. Beaty stated all of the dirt roads in the County were identified, ranked and shown by Council District. After the roads were ranked, the design process and packages are done. He stated he will check the website to see if the dirt road list has been updated. If not, he will ensure the list is updated and incorporate the information requested by Ms. Myers.

Mr. C. Jackson wants to ensure the public's perception of the dirt roads not being done is not misconstrued or misinterpreted.

Mr. Edwards stated for clarification, the dirt roads are not removed. When the property owner states they do not want the road paved, the road is moved to the bottom of the list.

The committee members stated a different term needs to be used than "removed" on the list of dirt roads.

Ms. Myers requested being a part of the consent/deny process in her district. She additionally stated people were showing up at the resident's houses without a Richland County shirt, etc. Therefore, the residents did not know who the individuals were and that they were a part of the Transportation Penny Program, so they did not agree to participate.

Mr. Manning requested the dirt road list to be updated as requested and then provided to the Clerk's Office for inclusion in the minutes of the Transportation Ad Hoc Committee meeting.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Mr. Manning expressed his concern there is a Dirt Road Ad Hoc Committee and this committee is not meeting to discuss dirt road related matters. The Clerk's Office will ascertain which Council members were assigned to the Dirt Road Ad Hoc Committee.
11. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately at 1:02 p.m.