

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Jim Manning	Valerie Hutchinson	Gwendolyn Kennedy (Chair)	Bill Malinowski	Seth Rose
District 8	District 9	District 7	District 1	District 5

OCTOBER 23, 2012 5:00 PM

2020 Hampton Street

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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ADJOURNMENT



<u>Subject</u>

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MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 5:00 P.M.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair: Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy

Member: Valerie Hutchinson Member: Bill Malinowski Member: Jim Manning Member: Seth Rose

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Pearce, Norman Jackson, Paul Livingston, Damon Jeter, Tony McDonald, Sparty Hammett, Roxanne Ancheta, Randy Cherry, Amelia Linder, Tracy Hegler, David Hoops, Daniel Driggers, Geo Price, Yanisse Adrian Silva, John Hixon, Sara Salley, Stephany Snowden, Elizabeth McLean, Valeria Jackson, Quinton Epps, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting started at approximately 5:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

<u>July 31, 2012 (Regular Session)</u> – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to approve the agenda as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

<u>Interchange Lighting</u> – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to defer this item to the December Committee meeting. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Mr. Rick Patel briefed the Committee regarding this item.

Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item to the October Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Delete the requirement of review fees for Family Property</u> – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to table this item.

Mr. Manning made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item until the October Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Road Right of Way and Acceptance Policy – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item to the October Committee meeting and request staff to bring back a list of roads, costs for roads and possible funding sources. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Amendment to Thomas and Hutton Contract for Floodplain Remapping</u> – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to amend the existing contract with Thomas & Hutton to re-map the Gills and Crane Creek FIRMs in Zone AE areas by \$61,600. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Council District Limits centered on County Maintained Roads</u> – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item to the November Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Amendment to Parking Regulation</u> – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to defer this item to the October Committee meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Proclamation Designating October 2012 as Community Planning Month in Richland</u>
<u>County</u> – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the Proclamation and proclaim October 2012 as National Community Planning Month. The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Olympia Mills Community Garden</u> – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the request with the condition that all participants sign a hold harmless agreement.. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Option to Purchase—Decker Blvd. Acquisition Project (FEMA Grant) – Mr. Manning moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the request to enter into an Option to Purchase real property in the amount of \$550,000 situated at 2628 Decker Boulevard, Columbia, SC contingent upon award of the FEMA grant. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Private Maintenance on Howard Coogler Road</u> – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to table this item in Committee. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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<u>Maintenance After Annexation of Roads</u> – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Manning, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to direct staff to meet with the City of Columbia to negotiate an agreement defining maintenance responsibilities and bring back to Committee. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

<u>Closing a Portion of Fonta Vista Road</u> – Ms. Hutchinson moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to forward this item to Council with a recommendation to approve the request for abandonment with the condition that the two parcels be combined, so that a land-locked lot is not created. A discussion took place.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy, Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley

<u>Subject</u>

Delete Review Fees for Family Property [PAGES 7-12]

<u>Reviews</u>

Subject: Delete Review Fees for Family Property

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to consider a motion to amend Section 26-224, to remove the requirement of review fees when an applicant proposes to subdivide what is commonly referred to as "family property."

B. Background / Discussion

On November 15, 2011, County Council enacted Ordinance No. 064-11HR, which allows the Planning Director, or his/her designee, to exempt subdivisions from the road construction requirements of Sec. 26-181 if the property is being transferred to the owners' immediate family members or is being transferred by will or intestate succession or forced division decreed by appropriate judicial authority. Subsection (e) includes this provision:

"the proposed subdivision of land shall not be exempted from any other minimum standard set forth in this chapter, including any and all review fees, minimum lot size, etc."

On April 17, 2012, a motion was made by the Honorable Kelvin Washington, as follows:

"I move to direct staff to draft an ordinance that would delete any county review fees for family property (Section 26-224 of the Land Development Code), retroactive to November 15, 2011."

A draft ordinance is attached that deletes the review fees.

C. Legislative/Chronological History

This item was deferred during the May, June, July, and September 2012 D&S Committee meetings in order for the Committee to obtain feedback from Chairman Washington.

D. Financial Impact

The County would not receive the fees that it would have if the ordinance is not amended. For example, typical review fees are \$400 per application, and if the Planning Department received 5 applications per year, the loss of revenue would be \$2,000 per year. However, this amount could vary from year to year.

E. Alternatives

1. Approve the amendment to Section 26-224, and delete the requirement of review fees retroactive to November 15, 2011.

2.	Do not approve the amendment, thereby requiring a \$400 review fee to be paid when an applicant submits a plan to subdivide "family property."					
F.	Recommendation					
	This request is at Council's discretion, as it was a motion by Mr. Washington.					
	Motion by: Honorable Kelvin E. Washington, Sr. Date: April 17, 2012					
F.	Approvals					
	Finance Reviewed by: <u>Daniel Driggers</u> □ Recommend Council approval □ Council Discretion (please explain if checked) Comments regarding recommendation:					
	This is a policy decision for council discretion. The financial impact is negligible.					
	Planning Reviewed by: Tracy Hegler □ Recommend Council approval ✓ Council Discretion (please explain if checked) Comments regarding recommendation:					
	While Planning recognizes the financial impact is negligible, the department is concerned about how this policy will be received by other applicants who are required to pay.					
	Planning Reviewed by: Amelia R. Linder □ Recommend Council approval □ Council Discretion (please explain if checked) Comments regarding recommendation: This is a policy decision for Council to make.					
	Public Works Reviewed by: David Hoops Recommend Council approval ✓ Council Discretion (please explain if checked) Comments regarding recommendation: Does not affect PW operating budget.					
	Legal Date: 5/16/12 □ Recommend Council approval □ Recommend Council denial ✓ Council Discretion (please explain if checked) Comments regarding recommendation: See comments from Planning. Legal guidance available pursuant to S.C.Code Ann. Sections 30-4-10 et seq. (The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act) if desired.					

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett	Date: 5/16/12
☐ Recommend Council approval	Recommend Council denial
✓ Council Discretion (please explain if chec	ked)
Comments regarding recommendation: I agr	ree with the Planning Director, the remo

Comments regarding recommendation: I agree with the Planning Director, the removal of fees would have minimal financial impact; however, concerns could be raised by other applicants that have to pay plan review fees.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. ___-12HR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHLAND COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 26, LAND DEVELOPMENT; ARTICLE X, SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; SECTION 26-224, CERTAIN SUBDIVISIONS EXEMPT FROM ROAD STANDARDS; SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT OF COUNTY REVIEW FEES.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY:

<u>SECTION I.</u> The Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article X, Subdivision Regulations; Section 26-224, Certain Subdivisions Exempt From Road Standards; is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-224. Certain subdivisions exempt from road standards.

The planning director, or his/her designee, may exempt subdivisions from the road construction requirements of Sec. 26-181 of this chapter only if the property is being transferred to the owners' immediate family members or is being transferred by will or intestate succession or forced division decreed by appropriate judicial authority. The subdivider must submit legal documentation satisfactory to the planning director, or his/her designee, in order to establish eligibility for this exemption. In addition, the subdivider must submit a "Hold Harmless Agreement" as to Richland County. This exemption shall apply only to initial division of property, not to subsequent sale or further subdivision by the heirs, devisees, or transferees. Plats of subdivisions so exempted shall show an ingress/egress easement providing access to all parcels, and shall contain the following information:

- (a) Names of owners of each parcel being created; and
- (b) Purpose of the subdivision; and
- (c) A note stating that "ROAD ACCESS NOT PROVIDED"; and
- (d) A note stating "THESE LOTS/PARCELS MAY NOT BE FURTHER SUBDIVIDED UNTIL ROAD ACCESS IS PROVIDED AND A REVISED PLAT IS APPROVED BY RICHLAND COUNTY".
- (e) Should the planning director, or his/her designee, exempt a proposed subdivision from the construction of the private roadway, the property shall also be exempt from delineation of jurisdictional and non-jurisdictional wetlands (for purposes of approving the plat for recordation only; this section shall not supersede any state and/or federal requirement for construction in, around or through a jurisdictional wetland or flood zone). In the situation that a property owner requests exemption from road construction as outlined in this section, the property owner shall sign a statement that he/she understands

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that the proposed subdivision of land shall not be exempted from any other minimum standard set forth in this chapter, including any and all review fees, minimum lot size, etc.; provided, however, all Planning Department subdivision plan review fees shall be waived.

<u>SECTION II.</u> <u>Severability</u>. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

<u>SECTION III.</u> <u>Conflicting Ordinances Repealed</u>. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

<u>SECTION IV.</u> <u>Effective Date</u>. This ordinance shall be effective retroactively from and after November 15, 2011.

	RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
Attest this the day of, 2012	BY:Kelvin E. Washington, Sr., Chair
Michelle M. Onley Assistant Clerk of Council	
RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	
Approved As To LEGAL Form Only No Opinion Rendered As To Content	
Public Hearing: First Reading: Second Reading:	

Third Reading:

<u>Subject</u>

Develop a Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood [PAGES 13-17]

Reviews

Subject: Develop a Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to direct staff to develop a Neighborhood Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood.

B. Background / Discussion

On September 11, 2012, a motion was made by the Honorable Seth Rose and the Honorable Kelvin Washington, which was forwarded to the October 23, 2012 D&S Committee agenda:

"To develop a master plan for the Olympia neighborhood that takes into account the community's residential character and revitalization."

On March 1, 2005, Richland County Council approved the first 10 priority focal areas for Neighborhood Master Planning.

The 10 priority focal areas as defined in 2005 are:

- Broad River Heights/Riverview Terrace;
- Candlewood;
- Crane Creek;
- Decker Boulevard/Woodfield Park;
- Dutch Square/Lower Broad River;
- Hopkins/29061 (now renamed Lower Richland);
- Lower Richland/Garners Ferry Road (now renamed Southeast Richland);
- Piney Grove/St Andrews;
- Spring Hill; and
- Trenholm Acres/Newcastle.

The Neighborhood Improvement Program staff is tasked with ensuring completion of these Master Plans and working with Council to initiate the plans' respective strategies.

Since 2005, staff has procured consultants to complete each plan, and to date have completed seven (7) of the ten (10) proposed plans. As the Broad River Road Corridor Master Plan was the most recent to be completed and comprised a combination of two (2) of the proposed plans, only two remain: the Spring Hill and Lower Richland (Hopkins) Plans, both of which are currently underway and proposed for completion within the next 12 months.

If approved, the Olympia Master Plan would become the 10th primary focus area for Neighborhood Master Planning.

A map of the Olympia area is attached for reference.

In addition to this neighborhood Master Planning effort, the Central Midlands Council of Governments prepared a Neighborhood Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood in 1983. Staff can utilize this document as a template and/or starting point from which to begin study of the proposed project.

Council needs to be aware that the Olympia Neighborhood is located entirely within the City limits of Columbia. As such, any implementation strategies will necessitate coordination with the City Council and staff. The Planning Department recommends the County and City formalize an agreement regarding the Plan's development and implementation prior to initiating the Olympia Master Plan. This will help to ensure the strength of the Plan and lead to better implementation of its recommendations. This agreement will be presented at a later date.

A funding source and a proposed time frame for completion have yet to be approved and/or allocated for this project. It is estimated that this plan will cost upwards of \$150,000, and may take approximately a year to complete once initiated.

C. Legislative/Chronological History

September 11, 2012 – Council presented a motion to develop a Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood as stated above. This motion was forwarded to the October 23, 2012 D&S Committee.

D. Financial Impact

Developing a Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood will cost upwards of \$150,000. There are no funds allocated to this project at this time. The Neighborhood Improvement Program has approximately \$250,000 in the FY 12-13 budget to cover professional services, which were planned for the implementation of recommended projects from existing Neighborhood Master Plans. If these funds are used to fund the Olympia Neighborhood Master Plan, those projects related to the implementation of existing Master Plans would be delayed.

E. Alternatives

- 1. Approve the development of a Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood. If approved, a contract will be brought to Council for approval / award. The agreement with the City would also be brought to Council for approval at that time.
- 2. Do not approve the development of a Master Plan for the Olympia Neighborhood at this time.

F. Recommendation

This request is at the discretion of County Council.

Motion by: <u>Seth Rose and Kelvin Washington</u> Date: <u>September 11, 2012</u>

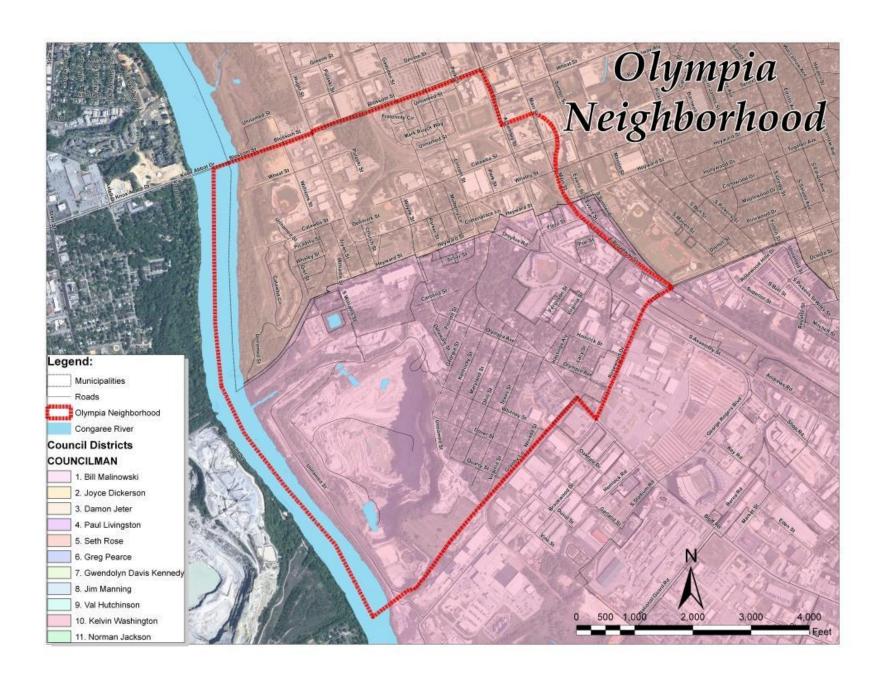
F. Reviews

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Finance	
Reviewed by: <u>Daniel Driggers</u>	Date: <u>10/10/12</u>
☐ Recommend Council approval	☐ Recommend Council denial
✓ Recommend Council Discretion	
Comments regarding recommendation: As decision and at the discretion of Council. Apamendment. FY12 audited financial results fund balance for Neighborhood Improveme require a budget amendment.	oproval as stated would not require a budget are not available yet however the estimated
Planning	
Reviewed by: <u>Tracy Hegler</u>	Date: <u>10/15/12</u>
Recommend Council approval	Recommend Council denial
✓ Recommend Council Discretion	
Comments regarding recommendation: As	stated in the ROA, approval is a funding
decision and at the discretion of Council.	
Legal	
Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean	Date: <u>10/16/12</u>
Recommend Council approval	Recommend Council denial
Comments regarding recommendation: Policy	y decision left to Council's discretion.
Administration	
Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett	Date: <u>10/16/12</u>
✓ Recommend Council approval	Recommend Council denial
Recommend Council Discretion	
Comments regarding recommendation:	Recommend Council approval of the
development of an Olympia Master Plan.	As indicated in the ROA, the Olympia
Neighborhood is located entirely within the (City limits of Columbia. If Council decides

to approve the master plan, an agreement should be reached with the City of Columbia

prior to beginning the master plan to avoid any implementation concerns.



<u>Subject</u>

Council Members to Review the Comprehensive Plan's Current and Future Land Use Maps [PAGES 18-20]

Reviews

Subject: Council Members to Review the Comprehensive Plan's Current and Future Land Use Maps

A. Purpose

County Council members are requested by Mr. Malinowski to review the Comprehensive Plan's Current and Future Land Use Maps for their districts in order to ensure accuracy.

B. Background / Discussion

On October 2, 2012, the following motion was made by the Honorable Bill Malinowski:

"Council members may not have been fully aware of planned changes to future land use maps for their district at the time of creation. All Council members therefore should compare it with the current land use plan map and determine if it is correct. Any changes should be brought to the attention of staff for corrections and/or adjustments."

The Current and Future Land Use Maps are an element of the "2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan," which was adopted by County Council on December 15, 2009. The Future Land Use Map serves as a guide for growth and does not change the current zoning of the area.

The Planning Department is available to go over the Current and Future Land Use Maps with Council Members at any time. Please contact Tommy DeLage, Comprehensive Planner, with questions or to review at 576-2172 or delaget@rcgov.us.

C. Legislative/Chronological History

December 5, 2009 – Council adopted the "2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan, which includes the Current and Future Land Use Plans.

D. Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated with this request. Council members may meet with staff regarding this item as they see fit.

E. Alternatives

- 1. Review the Current and Future Land Use Plans with the Planning Department.
- 2. Do not review the Current and Future Land Use Plans with the Planning Department.

F. Recommendation

This request is at the discretion of Council.

Motion by: <u>The Honorable Bill Malinowski</u> Date: <u>October 2, 2012</u>

G. Reviews (Please *SIGN* your name, ✓ the appropriate box, and support your recommendation before routing. Thank you!) **Finance** Reviewed by: Daniel Driggers Date: 10/11/12 ☐ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial ✓ Council Discretion (please explain if checked) Comments regarding recommendation: Request has no financial and recommendation is Council discretion **Planning** Reviewed by: <u>Tracy Hegler</u> Date: 10/11/12 ☐ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial ✓ Council Discretion (please explain if checked) Comments regarding recommendation: As noted above, the Planning Department is available to assist with this review as requested by Council members. Legal Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean Date: 10/11/12 ☐ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial ☑ Council Discretion (please explain if checked)

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision left to Council's discretion.

Date: <u>10/16/12</u>

☐ Recommend Council denial

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett

✓ Recommend Council approval

Comments regarding recommendation:

☐ Council Discretion (please explain if checked)

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<u>Subject</u>

Water Line Installation on Larger Street [PAGES 21-24]

<u>Reviews</u>

Subject: Water Line Installation on Larger Street

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to direct staff to investigate the feasibility and cost of installation of a water line on Larger Street.

B. Background / Discussion

The following motion was made by Councilwoman Kennedy at the September 18, 2012 Council Meeting:

"Motion to have a water line installed on Larger Street."

Larger Street is a dead end street off of Heyward Brockington Road in northern Richland County. Please see attached map. Water service is currently provided to the area by the City of Columbia. According to Larger Street property owners, water service is available on Heyward Brockington Road, but not Larger Street. Therefore, residents on Larger Street currently use wells for their water.

It is requested that County staff be directed to:

- 1. Determine which properties along Larger Street are requesting water service.
- 2. Develop a map of potential service area.
- 3. Present request to City of Columbia and determine if capacity exists for additional customers.
- 4. Request City to develop a cost estimate for a water line extension.
- 5. Determine if City would extend a water line at their cost.

If approved, County staff will undertake items 1-5 above, and will provide information to Council for direction once available.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

This motion was referred to the D&S Committee on September 18, 2012.

D. Financial Impact

The financial impact will be determined after items 1-5 are undertaken. This information will be shared with Council once available.

E. Alternatives

- 1. Approve the request to direct staff to investigate the feasibility and cost of constructing a water line along Larger Street. Items 1-5 will be undertaken if approved.
- 2. Do nothing. Residents will continue to receive water through wells.

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility and cost of constructing a water line to properties along Larger Street and report findings to Council.

Recommended by: Andy H. Metts Department: Utilities Date: October 5, 2012

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: <u>Daniel Driggers</u> Date: <u>10/11/12</u>

✓ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Request is for Council to provide staff direction

Legal

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean Date: 10/12/12

☐ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Council discretion.

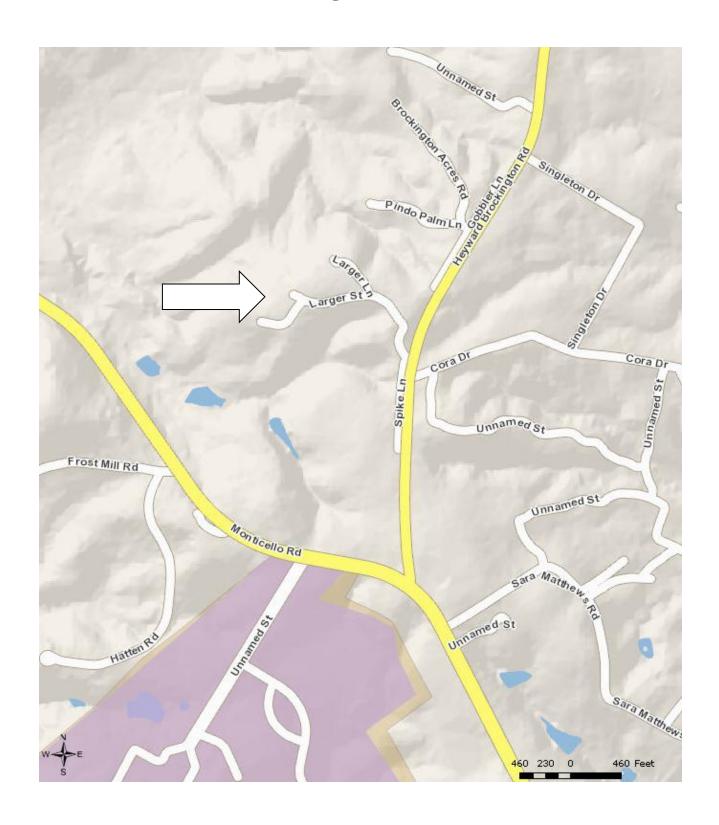
Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett Date: 10/15/12

✓ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Recommend Council approval to direct staff to investigate the feasibility and cost of constructing a water line along Larger Street.

Larger Street



<u>Subject</u>

Broad River Sewer Monthly User Fee [PAGES 25-38]

<u>Reviews</u>

Subject: Broad River Sewer Monthly User Fees

A. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide County Council with additional information and to seek Council's direction relating to the motion made by Councilman Malinowski during the May 15, 2012 Council meeting.

B. Background / Discussion

Mr. Malinowski's motion from the May 15, 2012 Council Meeting is as follows:

Many residents connected to City of Columbia Water are charged the same flat rate for sewer as those who have well water. Some families consist of 4 or more while others are only one person. This in itself will create a huge disparity in sewer use. In an effort to work toward a more fair pricing of utilities the following motion is being made: Determine per gallon usage rates for sewer in counties of comparable size to Richland County and then through liaison obtain water usage rates from Columbia in order to charge a more accurate sewer usage rate for those who have water meters. Those without meters will continue to pay a standard rate as determined by Richland County.

Preliminary information on this subject has been provided to the D&S Committee on June 26, 2012 and July 31, 2012. Copies of this information are attached as Attachments "B" and "C."

Attachments "B" and "C" provided Council with general information relating to the number of customers that may be affected if a new monthly user fee rate structure is adopted. They also included general information on data and actions completed to date, and also outlined additional actions to be completed.

The most current and detailed information available is attached as Attachment "A" and is titled "Implementation Process to Institute a Sanitary Sewer Fee Based on Monthly Water Consumption." This attachment is a summary of all the information that both the Richland County Finance Department and the Utilities Department have been able to accumulate to assist County Council with their decision on modifying the sewer monthly user fee.

Attachment "A" provides details on information gathered from the City of Columbia, discusses information collected from other counties, discusses implementation challenges, and provides both up front implementation cost estimates and re-occurring annual cost estimates. Attachment "A" also includes a proposed implementation plan if Council decides to proceed with the development of a new rate structure.

A confidential memo from our Legal Department will be sent under separate cover.

It is at this time that Council's direction regarding this matter is requested.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

- o This motion was referred to the D&S Committee during the May 15, 2012 Council meeting.
- Preliminary information was presented to the D&S Committee during the June 26, 2012 meeting. Council directed staff to continue to gather information from the City and report back.
- An update memorandum was presented to the D&S Committee during the July 31, 2012 meeting. This item remained in Committee pending Utilities staff providing additional information.

D. Financial Impact

Based on the information contained in Attachment "A," the estimated one-time up-front cost to implement a consumption-based monthly user fee would be approximately \$92,500.00. This cost includes the cost to obtain initial data from the City, software cost, and the cost of a vehicle for a meter reader. The estimated recurring annual cost to maintain this program would be approximately \$177,000.00. This cost would include additional personnel, vehicle operation and maintenance, monthly water consumption data from the City, and additional billing costs.

All Richland County Utility systems are established as self-supporting enterprise funds. Therefore, all costs associated with the implementation of this program would be passed on to the customer unless another source of funds could be identified.

E. Alternatives

- 1. The County can continue to charge a flat rate (\$46.54) for monthly sewer usage.
- 2. The County can develop a monthly user fee based on water consumption as described in Attachment "A."

F. Recommendation

Based upon the additional cost that would be passed on to the customer and the operational challenges of implementation, it is recommended that the County maintain its current flat rate method for charging monthly sewer user fees.

Recommended by: Andy H. Metts Department: Utilities Date: October 4, 2012

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: <u>Daniel Driggers</u>

☐ Recommend Council approval

☐ Recommend Council Discretion

☐ Date: <u>10/15/12</u>
☐ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

This is a policy decision for Council on the preferred method of determining the cost to provide a service. Based on the research, it seems that a consumption based fee system could be implemented if approved by Council. At this point it is unclear how the monthly fee per household would compare to the existing structure.

Legal

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean

Recommend Council approval

Comments regarding recommendation: Council Discretion. Please see the legal opinion provided under separate cover.

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett Date: 10/18/12

☐ Recommend Council approval ✓ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Implementation of a billing system based on water consumption would require an upfront cost of \$92,500 and increase annual operating costs by \$177,000. These additional costs would have to be passed on to the customers.

Implementation Process to Institute a Sanitary Sewer Fee Based on Monthly Water Consumption

Accomplished to date

- A. In reviewing service area maps, RCU has determined that there are approximately 5, 000 customers that are served by the City of Columbia Water System in the Broad River Sanitary Sewer Service Area. However, additional time will be needed to completely identify all customers that are served by a public water system.
- B. RCU and Finance Department representatives have met with representatives from the City of Columbia to ascertain whether or not the City would be willing to forward water consumption data for customers located within the Broad River Sanitary Sewer Service Area and in what manner this information would be forwarded to the County.
 - The City has stated that they would be willing to forward the water consumption data to RCU on a monthly basis at a cost of \$0.50 per record for each individual customer. The estimated cost of receiving this data from the City is included in table # 1 below.
 - City representatives have stated that there are ten (10) individual billing cycles in a month. If
 the County requested the current month's water consumption data on the 1st of the month,
 the data would not be received until the end of the same month (approximately 30 day turn
 around period).
 - 3. City and County representatives will need to determine a manner in which to identify customers in order to recover the data from the City's database.
 - 4. The Finance Department has contacted the other 45 counties in South Carolina to determine if they provide utility services and if so how their utility fees are determined out of the 45 counties:
 - only five (5) counties (Berkeley, Clarendon, Dorchester, McCormick, and York) offer both sanitary sewer and water service. Out of those five (5) counties, three (3) counties (Berkeley, Clarendon & Dorchester) charge a flat rate for sanitary sewer services while water rates are based on consumption.
 - ii. The other two (2) counties (McCormick and York) charge a sewer rate based on in-house water consumption data.
 - iii. All five (5) counties bill on a monthly basis.
 - iv. In addition, there are two (2) counties (Anderson & Kershaw) that offer just sanitary sewer services. Anderson County has approximately 425 customers that are billed for sewer service on a consumption rate. Local water service providers provide hard copies of the consumption data to Anderson County. Kershaw County also bills their sewer customers utilizing a consumption rate. They obtain their water usage data from Lugoff-Elgin Water Authority. Both sewer systems are relatively very small.

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- C. A preliminary legal review indicates that a hybrid rate, where one customer has a monthly charge based on water consumption and another customer receiving the same service has a monthly charge based on a flat rate, may not be easily defensible. But, if the customer who is normally charged a flat rate is given an opportunity to install a water meter and become a consumption based customer, then the hybrid rate becomes more defensible.
- D. Cost estimates have been obtained for sewer customers not currently on a metered water supply, to purchase and have installed on their property and at their cost, a water meter that is compatible with the County's meter reading system. A cost estimate has also been developed for a customer that elects to have the County install the meter on their behalf. Those cost estimates are included in table # 2 below.
- E. The Utilities Department has reviewed their current operational activities and determined that approximately 2 minutes per month per customer is spent reading water meters. If the approximate 5000 sewer customers currently on unmetered water services elect to install water meters and become consumption based sewer customers, then an additional 166 man-hours per month will be required to read the additional water meters. A new employee would be required in the Utilities Department to accomplish this task. The employee would require a vehicle which would require annual maintenance and fuel. The estimated cost to the Utilities Department is included in table #1 below.
- F. A new billing software system would be required to accept the water meter reading data and generate a monthly sewer bill base upon water consumption. The estimated cost of this new software is included in table # 1 below.
- G. The Finance Department staff will be required to modify their current billing process. This will likely require additional man-hours to request the water consumption data from the City of Columbia, process the water meter reading data as provide by the Richland County Utilities Department, produce the monthly billing data and process the monthly sewer bill for mailing.

It is recommended that a consumption based sewer bill be sent out monthly rather than quarterly as is currently the practice. Monthly billing will allow customer to investigate the cause of a higher than normal sewer bill and make repairs to leaks or other adjustments which may affect subsequent sewer bills. Monthly bill will increase the number of man-hours required to prepare the bills and will also increase the postage required for the mailings. These costs are estimated in table # 1 below.

Table #1

ated Implementation Costs					
Item	# of Units	Co	st per unit		Total Cost
City of Columbia water consumption data*	5000	\$	0.50	\$	2,500.00
Billing software **	1	\$	60,000.00	\$	60,000.00
Vehicle for Utilities Site Coordinator	1	\$	25,000.00	\$	25,000.00
Costs to develop software to rec. & proc. external data	1	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Total Up-front Cost				\$	92,500.00
ated Annual Costs					
Item	# of Units	Co	st per unit	9	Total Cost
Utilities Dept. pers. cost (Utilities Site Coordinator)***	1	\$	40,000.00	\$	40,000.00
Finance Department personnel cost	1	\$	95,706.00	\$	95,706.00
(System Specialist & Billing/Collection)					
Vehicle mainetance/depreciation****	1	\$	11,100.00	\$	11,100.00
Water consumption reports (City of Columbia)*****	12	\$	2,500.00	\$	30,000.00
Monthly Fin. Dept. costs to proc. monthly usage data	1	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
Monthly Fin. Dept. billing costs	1	\$	8,200.00	\$	8,200.00
Other costs as identified by the Fin. Dept.	1	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,000.00
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^{*}A 12 month water consumption history will be obtained from the City of Columbia for water customers that are located in the Broad River sanitary sewer service area. This data will be used to determine the rates needed to maintain the current O&M budget for the Broad River sanitary sewer service area.

II. Present information to County Council and request further direction.

^{**}The cost of the Billing Software is based on an estimate given to RCU in 2007. This billing software would need to be reviewed with the Finance Department and the estimate updated for a final cost.

^{***}There are approximately 10,000 customers in the Broad River Service Area. Out of the 10,000 customers, approximately 5,000 customers will need to have their individual meters read if the customers elect to have their sanitary sewer rate based on water consumption. It will take approximately 2 minutes to read each meter. At a rate of 2 minutes per meter, personnel could read approximately 200 meters/day, 1000 meters/week, 4000 meters/month. This may necessitate the need for additional assistance from other personnel.

^{****}The cost of Vehicle Maintenance/Depreciation is based on the current IRS mileage rate of \$0.555/mile at 20,000 miles/year.

^{*****}Approximately 5000 RCU customers are supplied water by the City of Columbia. In order to charge sanitary sewer rates based on monthly water consumption, RCU will need to request monthly water consumption reports for those from the City of Columbia for those customers. The cost will be \$0.50/customer report.

- III. Actions to be undertaken if County Council approves the development of an implementation plan
 - A. All customers that are served by the City of Columbia Water Department and RCU's Broad River Waste Water Sewer Service Area will be identified. This action will require a considerable number of man-hours from Existing Utilities personnel.
 - B. Once a list of sewer customers who receive water service from the City is developed, monthly water consumption data, for the last 12 months, for the above referenced customers will be requested from the City of Columbia; this may have a cost of approximately \$2500
 - C. All water service providers, in addition to the City of Columbia, within the Broad River Sanitary Sewer Service Areas, will be identified and all affected customers within said service areas will be identified
 - D. Monthly water consumption data from the City of Columbia will be obtained and reviewed to determine appropriate monthly sanitary sewer rates in order to maintain the current Operating Budget for the Broad River Service Area.
 - E. Determine costs for the Finance Department and Utilities Department to implement a monthly sanitary sewer fee based on monthly water consumption:
 - F. Identify, with the assistance of the Finance Department, an appropriate Utility Billing Software.
 - G. Develop a final implementation plan for presentation to County Council
 - Provide the number of customers within the City of Columbia Water Department and RCU's Broad River Waste Water Sewer Service Area.
 - 2. Provide the average monthly water consumption rate for said customers.
 - 3. Recommend the appropriate monthly user fee based on water consumption.
 - 4. Present and recommend a Utility Billing Software.
 - Present costs for the Finance Department and Utility Department to implement a sanitary sewer rate based on monthly water consumption.
 - 6. Provide a final implementation plan schedule.
 - H. Present the final implementation to County Council and obtain approval for execution.
 - Draft, present, and obtain the approval of an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Columbia, other water service providers, and RCU to obtain the monthly water consumption for customers within the Broad River Sewer Service Area

J. Implementation of the Utility Billing Software

its contractors.

- K. Contact Broad River Sewer Service Area customers and inform them of the option of the new water consumption based sanitary sewer rates
 - 1. Customers will be informed that they either have the option to continue with their current flat sewer rates or that they can participate in the new rates based on water consumption
 - 2. Customers will be made aware of the necessary requirements to be charged the sewer rates based on water consumption (i.e. plumbing modifications and the installation of a Hot Rod water meter). Costs for these modifications are listed below in Table # 2.

Table # 2

Jociac	ed costs if the water meter is installed by the Item	# of Units	Cor	t nor unit	То	tal Cost
	Water Meter*	# 01 0111ts	\$	317.30	Ś	317.30
	Total Cost		<u> </u>	527.50	\$	317.30
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	Item	# of Units	Cos	t per unit	To	tal Cost
	Water Meter*	1	\$	317.30	\$	317.30
	Miscellaneous plumbing fittings	1	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
	Labor Costs**	2	\$	72.00	\$	144.00
	Total Cost				\$	511.30

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Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Broad River Sewer Monthly User Fees

A. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide County Council with information relating to the motion made by Councilman Malinowski during the May 15, 2012 Council meeting. The motion is as follows:

"Many residents connected to City of Columbia Water are charged the same flat rate for sewer as those who have well water. Some families consist of 4 or more while others are only one person. This in itself will create a huge disparity in sewer use. In an effort to work toward a more fair pricing of utilities the following motion is being made: Determine per gallon usage rates for sewer in counties of comparable size to Richland County and then through liaison obtain water usage rates from Columbia in order to charge a more accurate sewer usage rate for those who have water meters. Those without meters will continue to pay a standard rate as determined by Richland County."

B. Background

The Richland County Utilities Department provides sewer service to approximately 10,000 residential and commercial customers. In addition, the Utilities Department provides water service to less than 600 residential customers. Only a small portion of the County's water customers (15) are also County sewer customers.

Richland County's sewer service area is considerably different than a municipality's service area. The County's service area is mostly in the unincorporated areas of the County where public water service may or may not be available. A specific survey has not been completed, but from reviewing sewer system service area maps, an estimated seventy percent (70%) of the County's sewer customers may have access to a public water system. The remaining thirty percent (30%) obtain their water from private wells.

Several public water systems provide water service within the County's sewer service area with the City of Columbia's system being the largest. Of the seventy percent (70%) on public water, approximately fifty percent (50%) would be on the City of Columbia's system with the remaining twenty percent (20%) being supplied by small community water systems. These small community water systems may be either owned and operated by a community or homeowners association. The water supplied by these small community water systems may or may not be metered for use.

C. Discussion

Richland County has historically charged a flat rate for sewer service due to a lack of access to water usage data. As mentioned above, the City of Columbia is the largest supplier of water in the County's service area. Attempts have been made in the past to obtain water usage data from the City for County sewer customers. The City provides water service to approximately 132,000 customers. The problem with obtaining water

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usage data for County sewer customers only was the ability to identify those customers from the list of 132,000 customers that the City can provide.

In addition to not being able to identify the County customers from the City's list, there also exist approximately 2000 sewer customers who receive their water from small community water systems and 3000 sewer customers who receive their water from private wells. These wells normally do not have water meters nor does anyone collect any data on water consumption. Also, the small community water systems that are homeowner association owned likely do not have water meters installed to measure water consumption.

D. Alternatives

- The County can continue to charge a flat rate for monthly sewer usage. This is a common practice industry-wide where water usage data is not available.
- The County can develop a program to collect water usage data from all sewer customers. This would require:
 - A. developing a software program to extract County customer data from City of Columbia water customer data,
 - B. maintaining and updating the software program mentioned above with new customer data monthly,
 - C. installing water meters on all private wells and community water systems without meters. This may require permission and a hold harmless agreement with the property owners.
 - D. develop a program to read water meters on private wells. This would likely require additional Utilities personnel,
 - E. modifying the County rate ordinance to reflect a new water usage rate structure.
- 3. The county can develop a hybrid monthly user fee to charge customers with available water consumption data a monthly fee based on consumption and a flat monthly fee for those without water consumption data. Many of the same requirements as identified in option #2 above would also apply to this option. This option should be discussed in greater detail with the Legal Department prior to implementation.

E. Financial Impact

Alternative#1 above would have no financial impact on the Utilities Operation.

Alternatives #2 and #3 may require additional funds to develop a program to receive data from the City, install water meters and fund personnel to implement and maintain the program. Additional research would be required to estimate the actual implementation cost.

F. Recommendation

Defer to Council's discretion.

Recommended for discussion by: Councilman Malinowski Date 6/12/12

G. Reviews

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Utilities Reviewed by: Andy Metts ☑ Recommend Council approval of alternative ☐ Council Discretion (please explain if checked Comments regarding recommendation: Because additional cost associated with implementing a warecommended that the monthly user fee remain a common rate used by Utilities that provide only stated to the common rate of the common	d) of the obstacles and possible water usage based rate structure, it is is a flat rate. Flat Rate is the most
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RICHLAND COUNTY Department of Utilities 7525 Broad River Road Irmo, South Carolina 29063

Andy H. Metts, Director

(803) 401-0050 Facsimile: (803) 401-0030

24 hr Maintenance: (803) 401-0050 Billing: (803) 576-2094

MEMORANDUM

July 26, 2012

TO: D & S Committee Members

FROM: Andy H. Metts, Utilities Director

SUBJECT: Broad River Sewer Monthly User Fees

The Utilities Department and Finance Department staff are working together to collect data, develop an implementation plan and estimate the cost of possibly converting the current sewer monthly user fee from a flat rate to one based upon water consumption. Some information has been collected but other information is still pending and is dependent upon a third party response. Discussions with the third parties are continuing and a plan will be presented to the D&S Committee as soon as it is complete.

The following are task completed to date:

- The Finance Department Staff has contacted several other counties and requested information on water and sewer rates in those counties. This information is compiled in a spreadsheet for further review and comparison.
- The Utilities Department has had several discussions with members of the City of Columbia Utilities Staff. As discussions proceeded through the chain-of-command, it may be possible for the City to provide the County with the water usage data needed to implement a sewer rate based on water consumption. Early indications are that the City would charge the County a fee for extracting the data and delivering this information to the County on a monthly basis.

Currently discussions are being held between the County staff and the City's IT staff to first, determine the format required for the data and then determine if the format is possible, and if so, at what cost to the County.

Data has been collected on the cost of installation of water meters on private wells if those customers elect to install a water meter.

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The following tasks are pending completion:

- Continued discussions with the City of Columbia on format and cost to provide water usage data on a monthly basis.
- Continue discussions with other public and private water providers in the area to determine if water usage data can be obtained.
- Develop final cost and specifications on individual water meter installations if the customers elect to install meters.
- Develop staffing and equipment requirements to collect and use water usage data.
- Develop cost to modify customer billing system to incorporate a new rate structure.
- Prepare a final implementation for package for consideration by the D&S Committee.

Information continues to be collected, reviewed and analyzed on the above described task.

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Richland County Council Request of Action

<u>Subject</u>

Quit Claim Unopened Road off Skyland Drive [PAGES 39-53]

<u>Reviews</u>

Richland County Council Request of Action

Subject: Quitclaim Unopened Road off Skyland Drive

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to approve the quitclaim of an unopened road off Skyland Drive to the adjoining property owner.

B. Background / Discussion

Attorney W. D. Morris contacted Public Works on June 27, 2012 concerning the quitclaiming of a portion of land for a proposed road off Skyland Drive in District 5 (R07313-07-01) back to his client, Mary Tyler Robinson. A map of the parcel is attached for reference.

A quitclaim is a transfer of all one's interest, as in a parcel of real estate, especially without a warranty of title.

In July 1959 Richland County accepted a deed for a proposed road off Skyland Drive. The grantor of this road was the Robinson family. This road was never opened and has become overgrown and impassable to vehicular traffic. There are three lots that would become land locked by the closing of this road. However, the Estate of Mary T. Robinson owns all these lots. Also, staff has included a plat of the property which shows property lines to be abandoned along with a note which reads:

"ALL 4 PARCELS SHOWN ABOVE IN THE NAME OF MARY T. ROBINSON ARE TO BE COMBINED INTO ONE TMS PARCEL CONTAINING 5.41 ACRES TOTAL."

This road would <u>never</u> be extended due to the fact that there are numerous car lots where any road extension would be.

There is correspondence on file dated July 1988 where consideration was given to opening this road to access the car lots fronting on Greystone Blvd. Once the Skyland Drive Neighborhood Home Owners Association (SDNHA) became aware of this, the association put together a petition drive to oppose opening the road. One hundred and nine signatures were obtained to oppose the opening of this road. This correspondence is attached. There is no reference in the file if the opening of this road ever went to County Council.

The draft quitclaim agreement is attached.

C. Legislative / Chronological History

This request came from the attorney representing the Robinson family; therefore, there is no legislative history.

D. Financial Impact

There will be no financial impact to Richland County. In fact, this property, once quitclaimed back to the Robinson family, will be placed back on the tax rolls.

E. Alternatives

- 1. Approve the request to quitclaim this "proposed road" back to the Robinson family as requested.
- 2. Do not approve the quitclaim request and leave everything "as is."

F. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve the request to quitclaim this unopened road back to the Robinson family as requested.

Recommended by: <u>David Hoops</u> Department: <u>Public Works</u> Date: <u>October 3, 2012</u>

G. Reviews

Finance

Reviewed by: <u>Daniel Driggers</u> Date: 10/12/12

✓ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation:

Legal

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean Date: 10/18/12

☐ Recommend Council approval ☐ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Policy decision left to Council's discretion.

This request requires an ordinance.

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett Date: 10/18/12

✓ Recommend Council approval □ Recommend Council denial

Comments regarding recommendation: Recommend Council approval of the quitclaim

request.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. ____-12HR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO MARY TYLER ROBINSON FOR AN UNNAMED ROAD SHOWN ON A PLAT IN PLAT BOOK "13" AT PAGE 147 AND RECORDED IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS; AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED AS RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 07313-07-01.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL:

<u>SECTION I</u>. For and in consideration of the sum of \$1.00, the County of Richland and its employees and agents are hereby authorized to grant to MARY TYLER ROBINSON a quit-claim deed for an unnamed road shown on a plat in Plat Book "13" at page 147 and recorded in the Richland County Register of Deeds, also known as Richland County TMS# 07313-07-01, and as is further specifically described in the attached quit claim deed, which is incorporated herein.

<u>SECTION II.</u> <u>Severability</u>. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

<u>SECTION III.</u> Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV.	Effective Date.	Inis ordinance shall be enforced from
		RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
		By: Kelvin Washington, Chair
Attest this	day of	
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OFOTION

RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Approved As To LEGAL Form Only No Opinion Rendered As To Content

First Reading: Second Reading: Public Hearing: Third reading:

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) QUIT CLAIM DEED
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
THIS QUIT-CLAIM DEED, executed this day of, 20 by Richland County, (hereinafter "Grantor"), to Mary Tyler Robinson, (hereinafter "Grantee"). (Wherever used herein, the terms "Grantor" and "Grantee" shall include singular and plural, heirs, successors, assigns, legal representatives and corporations wherever the context so permits or requires).
WITNESSETH, that the said Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar
(\$1.00), in hand paid by the grantee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledge, does
hereby remise, release, and quit-claim unto the Grantee, their heirs, successors, and assigns,
forever, all their right, title, interest, claim and demand which Grantor has in and to the
following described lot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of
Richland, State of South Carolina, to wit:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Richland, State of South Carolina, and being that portion of roadway shown as Proposed Road on a plat prepared for the Estate of Alice I. Robinson made by Joseph Keels, dated Feb. 27, 1958 and recorded in the ROD for Richland County in Plat Book "13" at page 147.
Tax Map Sheet 07313-07-01
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same together with all and singular the rights, members,
hereditaments and appurtenances to the premises belonging, or in anywise incident or
appertaining.
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the remises before mentioned unto the said Grantee, their heirs, successors and assigns forever so that neither the said Grantors nor their heirs successors, or assigns nor any other person or persons, claiming under their heirs, successors, or assigns, predecessors, or them, shall at any time hereafter, by any way or means, have claim or demand any right or title to the aforesaid premises or appurtenances, or any part of parcel thereof, forever

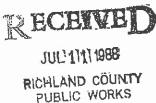
WITNESS my hands and seals this _____ day of ______, 20_____

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WITNESSES:GRANTOR	
(Witness #1)	By Its: Chairman, Richland County Council
(Witness #2/Notary)	
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	Signature of Witness #1
Sworn to before me this	
day of, 20	
Notary Public for South Carolina	
MCE	

B. Dale Lowder, President Skyland Drive Neighborhood Homeowners Association 130 Castle Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 (803) 765-9051

July 7, 1988



Mr. Ralph Pearson Richland County Public Works Department 400 Powell Road Columbia, SC 29203

County Road, Tax Map No. 07316

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Skyland Prive Weighborhood Homeowners Association petition in opposition to opening a county road. This petition is the one I referred to in my letter to you of February 16, 1988. Although, I understand that Richland County has decided not to take any action concerning this road, I would appreciate it if you would contact me immediately if that decision changes. As you can see there is strong opposition to reopening this county road. Our neighborhood has been very concerned about not only the county road but any other actions taken which would jeopardize the integrity of our quiet residential

I appreciate the help that you have given us concerning this matter. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

B. Dale Lowder

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BDL:sp Enclosure

SKYLAND DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

PETITION IN OPPOSITION TO OPENING OF COUNTY ROAD

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We, the undersigned residents of and members of the Skylind Drive Neighborhood Homeowners Association hereby oppose the reopening of the county road located adjacent to the properties of George H. Robinson and running between the property lot is more specifically identified through reference to Richland County Properly Tax Map Sheet No. 07310 which is attached to this petition and incorporated by reference.

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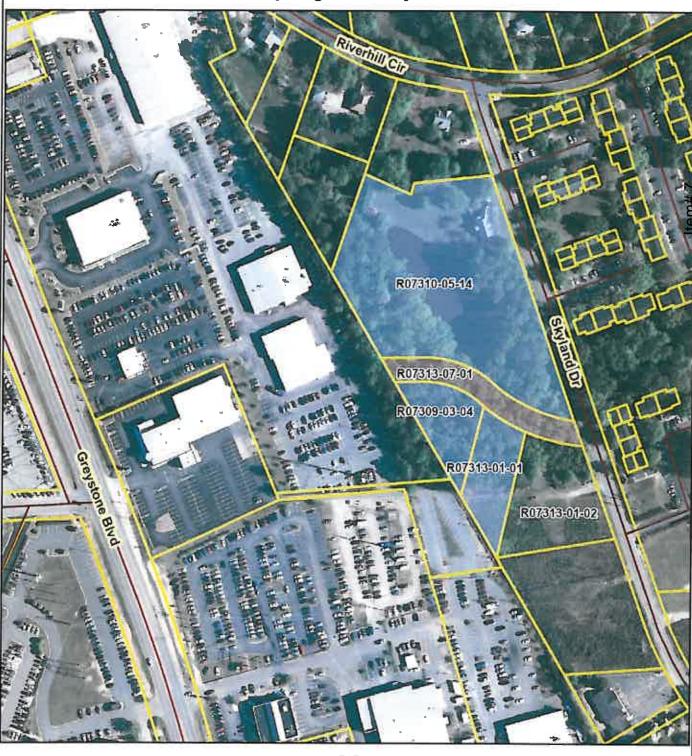
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Quit Claim to Robinson Properties Richland County Right of Way TMS R07313-07-01



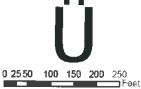




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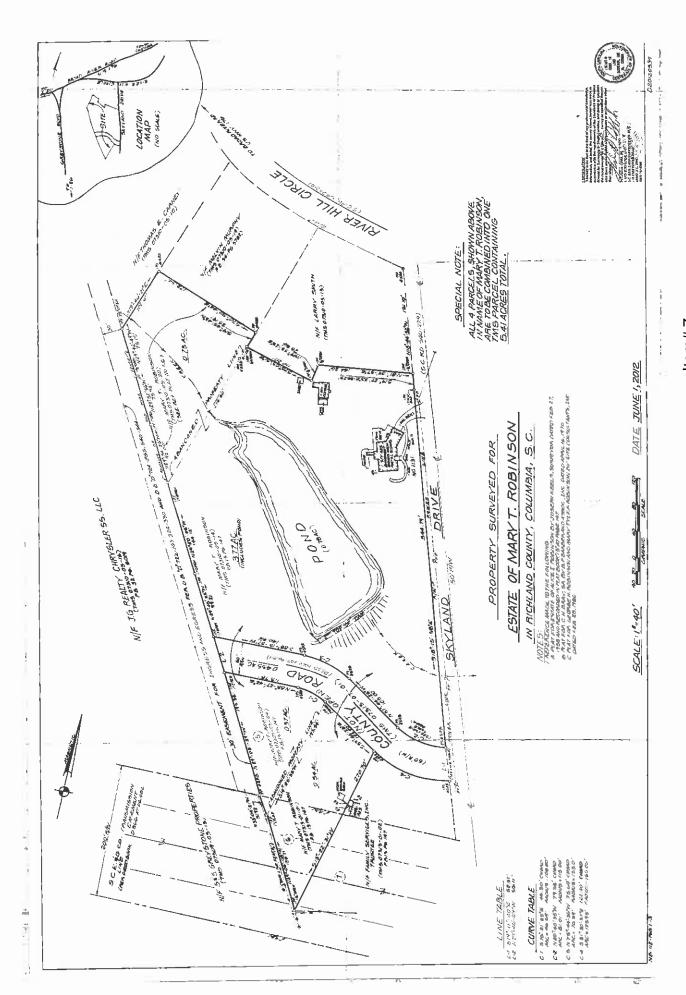
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Richland County Council Request of Action

<u>Subject</u>

Power Line Easement to SCE&G (218 McNulty Street -RCPL) [PAGES 54-64]

Reviews

Richland County Council Request for Action

Subject: Power Line Easement to SCE&G (218 McNulty Street - RCPL)

A. Purpose

County Council is requested to approve an easement to SCE&G for power line placement along the western boundary of property owned by the County (for the benefit of the Richland County Public Library). The property involved is the Blythewood Branch of the RCPL at 218 McNulty Street.

B. Background / Discussion

The Legal Department was approached by Steve Sullivan from the RCPL and SCE&G (Paul Thompson) for a power line easement along the western property line of a parcel owned by the County. The property borders property of Bethel Baptist Church to the west. The property is located on McNulty Street and houses the Blythewood Branch of the RCPL. Even though the property is used by the RCPL, the title is in the name of Richland County, for the benefit of the Public Library; thus, Richland County must approve and execute the easement. According to Mr. Sullivan, the RCPL Board of Trustees approved the request at its October 8, 2012, meeting. The item has now been forwarded to Richland County for approval and execution.

Please see the attached easement and GIS map for the location of the requested easement. Additionally, I have included an email from Paul Thompson describing the project and need for the requested easement.

As you will see from the easement, the easement area is not clearly defined. I will ask that SCE&G provide (before second reading), a revised easement and project drawing properly identifying the easement area.

C. Legislative/Chronological History

None.

D. Financial Impact

No known financial impact.

E. Alternatives

- 1. Adopt the ordinance.
- 2. Do not adopt the ordinance.

F. Recommendation

Council Discretion.

Recommended by: Elizabeth A. McLean Department: Legal Date: 10/10/12

G. Reviews

Finance Reviewed by: <u>Daniel Driggers</u> ✓ Recommend Council approval ☐ Council Discretion (please explain if check Comments regarding recommendation:	Date: 10/11/12 ☐ Recommend Council denial red)
Request appears consistent with previous requerecommendation would be to make it continger legal in the last paragraph of the background see	nt upon the clarification mentioned by
Planning Reviewed by: <u>Tracy Hegler</u> ✓ Recommend Council approval □ Council Discretion (please explain if check Comments regarding recommendation:	Date: 10/15/12 ☐ Recommend Council denial (sed)
Most of the impact is stated in the attached ema property, but agree with need for more clarificate perceived impact to Planning.	<u>-</u>
Conservation Reviewed by: Buddy Atkins □ Recommend Council approval □ Council Discretion (please explain if check Comments regarding recommendation:	Date: 10/17/12 ✓ Recommend Council denial red)
In the proposed easement, the following langua	age has been included:
Together also with the right to lay, construct, and remove pipe lines, together with valves, transportation of gas, oil petroleum products which can be transported through a pipe line.	tieovers and appurtenant facilities for the
The above language should be deleted from requesting to install an overhead electric line	

The proposed easement also contains the language:

Grantor further agrees to maintain minimum ground coverage of thirty six (36) inches and maximum ground coverage of fifty four (54) inches over all underground primary electric lines. Grantor further agrees to maintain minimum ground coverage of twenty four (24) inches and maximum ground coverage of forty two (42) inches over all underground pipe (gas) lines. Together also with the right of entry upon said lands of Grantor for all of the purposes aforesaid.

As previously stated, any reference to underground pipes should be excluded from the easement. Additionally, the language implies Richland County (Grantor) is responsible for maintaining certain maximum ground coverage. All maintenance of the overhead line easement to comply with vegetation management standards is the responsibility of SCE&G (Grantee). The easement should be amended to accurately reflect said vegetative maintenance responsibility.

The easement should be amended to state explicitly what type of electric line is being proposed-transmission or distribution. The line type will control the required ROW width. If indeed this is a distribution line, the proposed ROW is correct. However, if this is a transmission line, the width is inadequate and will be wider than stated which will have an environmental impact to the County's property and tree resources. The proposed easement states:

Together also with the right (but not the obligation) from time to time to trim, cut or remove trees, underbrush and other obstructions that are within, over, under or through a strip of land ("Easement Space") extending Fifteen (15) feet on each side of any pole lines and Five (5) feet on each side of any underground wires or pipe lines and within, over, under or through a section of land extending Twelve (12) feet from the door side(s) of any pad mounted transformers, elbow cabinets, switchgears or other devices as they are installed:

Lastly, I would recommend Council reconsider the proposed payment "of One Dollar (\$1.00) received from Grantee" to more accurately account for the environmental and conservation devaluation caused by locating the electric line on Richland County property.

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Date: 10/17/12

☐ Recommend Council denial

Legal

Reviewed by: Elizabeth McLean

☑ Recommend Council approval

☐ Council Discretion (please explain if checked)
Comments regarding recommendation: This request is for a standard power line
easement. As noted in my ROA, the easement MUST be amended before third reading,
as it fails to adequately describe the easement area; other than that issue, the language is
discretionary and fairly standard for easement requests we have received from SCE&G.
If Council would like to address the language allowing for underground utilities, we can
take such a request to SCE&G. I assume the language is present so that the company
can change power distribution methods without having to change the easement in each
case. As I have stated, that decision is left to Council's discretion. I do not think that it

is necessary to state which specific type of line is being placed, as the easement area will be specifically described and will not be affected by the type of line.

Lastly, I will address Dr. Atkins' recommendation that the \$1.00 consideration be removed or amended to reflect the actual diminution in value. The present language is very standard and is merely a recital of the consideration for the contract, which is necessary for the contract to be valid. I am not aware that any diminution in value of county property has been asserted here, and would frankly be hard to even guess what that might be at this point as the easement area hasn't been properly defined.

I would recommend approval of the item, with the condition that the specific easement area be defined before second reading and with any other changes that Council may deem appropriate.

Administration

Reviewed by: Sparty Hammett	Date: <u>10/17/12</u>
☑ Recommend Council approval	☐ Recommend Council denial
☐ Council Discretion (please explain if	checked)
Comments regarding recommendation:	Recommend approval with the following three
changes:	

- (1) The specific easement area should be defined,
- (2) Any reference to underground utilities should be deleted from the easement, and
- (3) SCE&G should be responsible for vegetative maintenance.



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY COUNCIL FOR RICHLAND COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. ____-12HR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A UTILITY EASEMENT/RIGHT-OF-WAY TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY ON PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TMS# 15209-01-04. ALSO KNOWN AS 218 MCNULTY STREET.

Pursuant to the authority granted by the Constitution of the State of South Carolina and the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, BE IT ENACTED BY RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL:

SECTION I. The County of Richland and its employees and agents are hereby authorized to grant a utility easement right-of-way to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, upon land identified as TMS Number 15209-01-04, located at 218 McNulty Street, and as is more fully described in the easement/right-of-way, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

SECTION II. Severability. If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION III. Conflicting Ordinances. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this

ordinance are hereby repealed.	nances of parts of ordinances in commer with a	provisions o
SECTION IV. Effective Date. This ordinance sha	all be effective from and after	, 2012.
	RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL	
	By: Kelvin Washington, Chairperson	
Attest this day of		
, 2012.		
Michelle Onley Clerk of Council		
RICHLAND COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE		
Approved As To LEGAL Form Only No Opinion Rendered As To Content		

Item#8

First Reading: Second Reading: Public Hearing: Third reading:

INDENTURE, made this day of, 2012 by and between Richland County for The Richland County Public Library of the State of South Carolina, hereinafter called "Grantor" (whether singular or plural), and the SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY, a South Carolina corporation, having its principal office in Cayce, South Carolina, hereinafter called "Grantee". WITNESSETH:
That, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) received from Grantee, Grantor, being the owner of land situate in the County of Richland , State of South Carolina, hereby grants and conveys to Grantee, its successors and assigns, the right to construct, extend, replace, relocate, perpetually maintain and operate an overhead or underground electric line or lines consisting of any or all of the following: poles, conductors, lightning protective wires, municipal, public or private communication lines, cables, conduits, pad mounted transformers, guys, push braces and other accessory apparatus and equipment deemed by Grantee to be necessary or desirable, upon, over, across, through and under land described as follows: a tract or lot of land containing 1.90 acres , more or less, and being the same lands conveyed to Grantor by deed of Felix H. Rimer , Jr. et al , dated or recorded 1/11/1991 , and filed in the Register of Deeds office for Richland County in Deed Book 1014 at Page 419 .
Property is located on McNulty Street.
Right of way granted to extend overhead line along common property line of Grantor and n/f Bethel Baptist Church.
TMS: 15209-01-04
Together with the right from time to time to install on said line such additional lines, apparatus and equipment as Grantee may deem necessary or desirable and the right to remove said line or any part thereof. Together also with the right to lay, construct, maintain, operate, repair, alter, replace and remove pipe lines, together with valves, tieovers and appurtenant facilities for the transportation of gas, oil petroleum products or any other liquids, gases or substances which can be transported through a pipe line. Together also with the right (but not the obligation) from time to time to trim, cut or remove trees, underbrush and other obstructions that are within, over, under or through a strip of land ("Easement Space") extending Fifteen (15) feet on each side of any pole lines and Five (5) feet on each side of any underground wires or pipe lines and within, over, under or through a section of land extending Twelve (12) feet from the door side(s) of any pad mounted transformers, elbow cabinets, switchgears or other devices as they are installed; provided, however, any damage to the property of Grantor (other than that caused by trimming, cutting or removing) caused by Grantee in maintaining or repairing said lines, shall be borne by Grantee; provided further, however, that Grantors agree for themselves, their successors and assigns, not to build or allow any structure to be placed on the premises in such a manner that any part thereof will exist within the applicable above specified Easement Space, and in case such structure is built, then Grantor, or such successors and assigns as may be in possession and control of the premises at the time, will promptly remove the same upon demand of Grantee herein. Grantor further agrees to maintain minimum ground coverage of thirty six (36) inches and maximum ground coverage of fifty four (54) inches over all underground primary electric lines. Grantor further agrees to maintain minimum ground coverage of twenty four (24) inches and maximum ground coverage of forty
Richland County for The Richland County Public Library

Item#8

(SEAL)

By:___

1 st Witness	Name:	Title:
2nd Witness	ACKNOWLEDGMENT	
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF Richland))	
The foregoing instrument was acknowledge named	ed before me, the undersigned Notary, and I do have deduced before me this day and that the above named	nereby certify that the within County for The Richland acknowledged the due
My commission expires:		
RIGHT OF WAY GRANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPA	ANY	
County: Richland		
R/W File Number: 17922		
Grantor(s): Richland County for The Rich	land County Public Library	
Return to: SCE&G		

From: THOMPSON, PAUL E III < PETHOMPSON@scana.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:39 AM

To: ELIZABETH MCLEAN

Subject: RE: SCE&G Easement and Rcihland County Public Library Property

Attachments: McNulty Street.pdf

Mrs. McLean, Trinity United Methodist Church on McNulty street is planning an additional building. Currently we have a power line running through their tract where they plan to construct the building. We have an existing three phase line to the rear of the library which can feed McNulty Street. Bethel Baptist Church next to the library has verbally agreed to allow SCE&G to extend along the property line between them and the library. The new section of line would mostly be on the Bethel Baptist Church property with only the down guy anchor and some tree trimming on the library tract. This also allows SCE&G to make changes being requested by the Town of Blythewood in the near future. Attached is a sketch of proposed work. Thank you, Paul Thompson, SCE&G Right of Way.

From: ELIZABETH MCLEAN [mailto:MCLEANE@rcgov.us]

Sent: Wednesday, October 10, 2012 9:08 AM

To: THOMPSON, PAUL E III

Subject: RE: SCE&G Easement and Rcihland County Public Library Property

Mr. Thompson,

Could you please provide me with a summary of the project (why you need the easement)? I will need to provide it to County Council. I need it ASAP as the deadline for the committee meeting was yesterday.

Thanks, Elizabeth

Elizabeth McLean

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From: Sullivan, Steve [mailto:Sullivan@MyRCPL.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 09, 2012 1:53 PM

To: ELIZABETH MCLEAN
Cc: THOMPSON, PAUL E III

Subject: SCE&G Easement and Rcihland County Public Library Property

Ms. McLean,

I work for the Richland County Public Library. I was contacted by Paul Thompson with SCE&G last month regarding an easement for an overhead line at our Blythewood branch library. The library has no issues with

his proposed line. The library's Board of Trustees considered the proposal at their meeting last night, October 8, 2012, and passed it as an agenda item.

The property is titled to Richland County for the Richland County Public Library. I thought it proper to send this on to you now for further consideration and execution. Is this, indeed, the way this works?

S. Sullivan

Steve Sullivan
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