

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE
APRIL 25, 2000
5:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Bernice G. Scott, Chair; Buddy Meetze; Susan Brill; Greg Pearce; Thelma Tillis

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Morris, Paul Livingston, James Tuten, Joseph McEachern, Tony Mizzell, Kit Smith, Andy Metts, Marsheika G. Martin, Sherry Wright, T. Cary McSwain, Michelle Cannon-Finch, Pam Davis, Malik Whitaker, Milton Pope, Tony McDonald, Tonya Dunham, Judy Carter, Ralph Pearson, Rodolfo Caldwell, Ash Miller, Chief Harrell, Mullen Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 28: Regular Session Meeting

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to approve the minutes. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. McSwain stated the MS4/NPDES Permit on the storm water drainage management program needed to be placed on the agenda.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. Meetze, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

Budget Amendment for the Atlas Road Sewer Project

Ms. Sherry Wright, Grants Coordinator, stated a cash match in the amount of \$48,900.00 is requested.

Mr. Morris requested minutes of the meeting when this item was first approved and provide a copy to all Council members.

Ms. Tillis moved, seconded by Ms. Scott, to approve the appropriation of \$48,900.00 from the fund balance to provide a cash match for the Atlas Road Sewer Project grant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

National Pollution Elimination Discharge System Permit

Mr. McSwain stated there is an approximate \$500,000.00 increase in next year's budget to address this for managing storm drainage systems in the County. Public Works is requesting an additional \$88,410.00 in authorization beyond the original amount. He stated the money would come from the storm drainage bond.

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Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve additional funding for the permit. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Increase in tipping fee at Richland County Landfill

Mr. McSwain requested Council to approve an increase in the tipping fee at the Richland County C&D Landfill from \$18.50 per ton to \$22.00 per ton.

Mr. Meetze requested raising the fee to \$25.00 per ton or find a median to break even.

Mr. McEachern and Mr. Tuten requested staff to find out the life expectancy of the fourth quadrant.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to leave this item in committee until the Administrator has further information. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Amendment to the Richland County Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated this item would be taken up on May 1st by the Planning Commission

Water/Sewer Work Session

Mr. McSwain stated a date is needed for a work session. He recommended prior to the May 9th meeting at 4:30 p.m., after the item is taken up with the City of Columbia.

Mr. Tuten stated some of the funding requests expire June 30th and the item needed to be discussed soon.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to hold a work session on May 9th at 4:30 and refer to the Special Called Meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS

Report on Genesis Cable Company

Mr. Milton Pope, Assistant County Administrator, stated a meeting is scheduled at Summit Parkway on May 1st at 7:00 p.m. He stated staff would meet with Attorney Greg Lark prior to the meeting. Mr. Pope stated notices have been sent out to residents regarding complaints. Mr. Bob Campbell, Regional Director for Benchmark Cable, would also be in attendance.

Ms. Scott requested for staff to find out approximately how many customers this cable company serves.

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Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade

Mr. McSwain reported the plant is permitted at 2-1/2 million gallons a day. He stated there is a request to upgrade the plant to produce 6 million gallons a day. Mr. McSwain stated the Utilities Department requested the County to examine the capacity needs and also to find out where the growth is, where it is going to occur, the impact on the sewer plant and what the 6 million gallons a day upgrade would accommodate. He stated one of the potential sources of funds would be the state revolving bond at 3.5% until June 30th.

Mr. Andy Metts, Director of Utilities and Services, stated the upgrade would not increase user fees or tap fees. He stated there are surplus funds in the Broad River Regional Enterprise Fund Depreciation Account.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Meetze moved, seconded by Ms. Brill, to approve the Broad River Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade along with the funding strategy as recommended by the Director of Utilities. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Bernice G. Scott
Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin