

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2009

The Public Works Committee held its regular meeting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 in the Public Works Building at 1303 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Committee members Bergwerf and Duffy, Chairman Bettelli, City Administrator Tucker, Public Works Director Pitts, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland.

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

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

**MOTION: Councilman Duffy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7, 2009 as submitted; Councilwoman Bergwerf seconded and the motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

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

Director Pitts reported that July had the highest debris collections that he has seen; garbage collection was also very high. Again in July, there had to be repairs to the public restrooms. There were numerous beach sweeps during the month, and the Director said they were going well; he thinks the combined departmental efforts are controlling the debris issue. The trees were trimmed from 42<sup>nd</sup> through 57<sup>th</sup> Avenues along the bike path. He noted that Eadie's Construction has begun the fifth year of the five (5) year plan; they have completed the ditches at 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue and between 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Public Works personnel also cleaned the roof of Sea Cabins of the debris from the City's July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks display. Two (2) months has elapsed since the last street light survey, and there were only four (4) lights to replace. In conclusion, he reported that the year has started off well for vehicle maintenance; it tracked low.

Chairman Bettelli noted that he and Director Pitts had accompanied Mayor Cronin to a residence on Waterway for loose soil on the easement, for which the City was not responsible. The problem was reported to the proper agency, and it has been handled. A pothole on one (1) of the City's streets has been called in to the County for assistance to repair it.

Councilwoman Bergwerf related an email she has received from a resident who has a neighbor who seemingly brings construction debris from his job and dumps it on the street for the City to pick up; she has been asked how to stop it. Director Pitts said the person must be caught in the act; she was told to have the neighbor call the police when he sees the person unloading the truck.

## **5. Old Business**

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

Chairman Bettelli stated that there was a schedule of work included in the meeting packets. Councilman Bettelli asked the Administrator for how long the permit would be good; she answered that this permit was like permits the City has obtained for other projects, and they are, typically, good for five (5) years. Administrator Tucker did not know if this was a renewable permit. Administrator Tucker explained that the work has entered a phase where there is no visible evidence on the ground that anything is happening; therefore, she had requested this update for the Committee to see the progress on the project.

The Administrator stated that she was trying to schedule a meeting this week with the Wild Dunes Resort. She recalled that the City has an easement in place with the Wild Dunes Community Association to run the drainage collection lines along the beach access path. The City approached the Resort several years back for an easement, but, at that time, the plans for Phase 2 of the Village were to move forward. Now the City plans to move forward with the drainage project with an easement; the language must be crafted in such a way that, should the project become a reality prior to the next phase of the Village, the City may have to reorient the infrastructure. The purpose of a meeting is to get that agreement in place; David Stevens will be represented at the meeting, as well as the Resort, Administrator Tucker and City Attorney Sottile.

Councilman Duffy asked if the easement could not be set up so as to eliminate the need to relocate infrastructure if Phase 2 proceeds; he stated his understanding that the plan for Phase 2 describes what they plan to do and where it will be done. The Administrator stated that every effort will be made to do that, but there is the outside chance that the plans could change. She indicated another difficulty is that the Village plans contemplate the current reception center as not being in its present location; therefore, the City cannot run drainage where the current reception center is located, but must develop an alternate route. Administrator Tucker also explained that the City had planned to go to the Village's retention pond with the City's stormwater, then the line would go into the Wild Dunes Community Association's line. But that design is no longer workable because there is no retention pond at this time. She concluded stating that she did not think there was a way to move the City's water from Palm Boulevard to Palmetto without some portion of the infrastructure having to be relocated if the City's drainage project moves forward prior to development of the Village.

### **B. Status of Eadie's Project**

Director Pitts repeated that Eadie's has completed work on the ditches at 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Avenues, plus the small ditch at the Baptist Church. Chairman Bettelli commented that the project has gone as it was envisioned four (4) years ago.

### **C. Discussion of Palmetto Pride Tree Grant Donation Program**

Chairman Bettelli said he is always interested in something that is free, and Director Pitts has said that he could use some crepe myrtles, but he was uncertain if there was a need for trees

on Front Beach. The Chairman noted that there were relatively stringent guidelines should the City be awarded any of these trees. He asked the Committee members to check the list of trees that are included in the grant and to look around the island to determine if there were places where trees could be planted. The grant application must be postmarked no later than September 14, 2009; Chairman Bettelli asked Director Pitts to be the person to gather information and Assistant Dziuban to generate the grant application.

**6. New Business**

**A. Discussion of Proposed Garden Club Project**

Chairman Bettelli reported that the Garden Club has expressed an interest in planting a native garden on the island. He has asked Pat Johnson, the garden club president, where they want to plant the garden and what their timeframe is, but she has not yet responded. The Chairman added that the club members would also like to use the garden to offer education about the planting of native species.

**B. Award of Contract in Excess of \$10,000 – None**

**7. Miscellaneous Business**

Chairman Bettelli announced that the July beach monitoring results were all satisfactory.

**Next Meeting Date: 4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 3, 2009.**

**8. Adjourn**

**MOTION: Councilman Duffy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.; Councilwoman Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland  
City Clerk