

MINUTES
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2015
4:45 P.M.
County Square – Conference Room D

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, notice of the meeting date, time, place and agenda was posted on the bulletin board at County Square and made available to the newspapers, radio stations and television stations and concerned citizens.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, FRED PAYNE
VICE CHAIR XANTHENE NORRIS
JOSEPH BALDWIN
JIM BURNS
LIZ SEMAN

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

STAFF PRESENT:

KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, COMMUNITY PLANNING
HELEN HAHN, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR
ERIC VINSON, DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND CODE COMPLIANCE

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Councilor Burns provided the invocation.

Item (3) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of PWI Committee on April 7, 2015

MOTION: By Councilor Seman to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item (4) **Pet Waste Ordinance**

Paula Gucker addressed the Committee members regarding a draft ordinance she and Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney had worked on. She stated the Committee had several requests for clarification and a copy of the ordinance was included in each member's agenda packet. Ms. Gucker stated the changes appear in yellow highlighting and she went over the changes which were made, one addressing animals in pastures and also eliminating the 24 hour time period.

MOTION: By Councilor Seman to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Gucker introduced Brian Bishop who is the Floodplain Manager.

Item (5) **2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Eric Vinson addressed the Committee with a request for approval the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan. He stated in order for Greenville County to take advantage of future Mitigation Grant Programs, the County must update and approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. He stated the updated plan was quite a beefy document and staff had made the entire document available in the Clerk to Council's Office. In the Committee members packets was enclosed an executive summary of the Plan.

Ms. Gucker added the plan was multijurisdictional and during this update the Cities of Mauldin, Greenville, Simpsonville and Fountain Inn joined in the process. As Mr. Vinson stated this enables the county to have an opportunity to apply for various FEMA and Hazard Mitigation Grants.

Councilor Norris asked how the losses were determined.

Ms. Gucker stated there were a number of ways losses were determined, if it were infrastructure related, it was done through the Engineering/Roads and Bridges Department using a specific formula provided by FEMA. Other economic losses are taken care of during the damage assessments teams review, then the county works cooperatively with the state and local Emergency Management Division to pull together any costs associated to insure the county qualifies for any available monies.

Councilor Burns asked what the specific difference was in this update.

Ms. Gucker stated the additional cities were added and the removal of the mitigation alternative to put gates on all County roads which were flooded to close them during the flooding and reopen after the flooding.

Councilor Norris asked if the public would be included in the update.

Ms. Gucker stated there was a thirty-six member team that worked on the update and public input was received at the staff level and there would be a public hearing on the Plan update.

MOTION: By Councilor Norris to approve and forward the 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Item (6) Requests and Motions by Council Members

There were no requests or motions.

Item (7) Adjournment

MOTION: By Councilor Seman to adjourn. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Hahn
Administrative Coordinator