

MINUTES  
GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 16, 2016  
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  
JOSEPH BALDWIN  
JIM BURNS  
LIZ SEMAN

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

VICE CHAIR XANTHENE NORRIS

**STAFF PRESENT:**

HESHA GAMBLE, COUNTY ENGINEER  
PAULA GUCKER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
HELEN HAHN, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR  
KIM WUNDER, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
TERESA BARBER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CODE COMPLIANCE

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:**

Councilor Burns provided the invocation.

**Item (3)      Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of PWI Committee on February 2, 2016**

**MOTION:**      By Councilor Seman to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 Committee meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with one absent (Norris).

**Item (4)**      **Safe Routes to School, Recreation and Work Plan**

Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator addressed the Committee beginning with an explanation of how in years past the county had always had a sidewalk list which there no longer was a list. She stated over the last six years, there have been a number of requests from schools and citizens living around schools requesting sidewalks in order for children to be able to walk to school. Staff met with the SCDOT and discussed the issues of sidewalks and/or bike lanes on state roads. The response from the SCDOT was, if the county were to adopt a sidewalk plan that would take a lot of the need out for encroachment permits and make the process much simpler. The SCDOT would work with the county in addition to maintaining the sidewalks. The plan which was included in the Committee's agenda focuses more on pedestrians more than cyclists. A number of partners came together Livewell, Upstate Forever, Frank Mansbach's group and a number of others put together a plan. The Plan became part of the Road Commission and since then staff has tweaked the plan a bit. Staff would like to get Council's approval of the plan, which spans the entire county; it makes sense from a safety stand point and really connects schools. The projects are not prioritized and there is no funding for the plan. Should funding become available through GPATS or through any other grant, with an approved list it would streamline the permitting process. Ms. Gucker introduced Ms. Eleanor Dunlap and the Transportations staff responsible for working on the plan.

The Committee members commented on a job well done on the plan.

**MOTION:**      By Councilor Seman to approve and forward to full Council the Safe Routes to School, Recreation and Work Program. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote with one absent (Norris).

**Item (5)**      **Discussion on the Update to the Sign Ordinance**

Eric Vinson, Director of Planning and Code Compliance addressed the Committee with a response to a request by Chairman Taylor to form a taskforce to update and revise the County Sign Ordinance. He identified ten members which would be serving on the Task Force and said county staff would be facilitating the meetings which would begin on March 2, 2016. Mr. Vinson stated the task force would meet bi-weekly for a total of eight (8) meetings over a period of four months. He stated the Committee would be updated regularly and final recommendations would be brought to the Committee.

**Item (6)**      **Overview of Property Maintenance/County Parking Regulations**

Teresa Barber, Deputy Director of Planning and Code Compliance addressed the Committee regarding regulations pertaining to vehicles on private property and public right of ways. She explained the 2012 Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.8 addressing Motor Vehicles was enforced by Greenville County Planning and Code and compliance with through Code Enforcement. Ms. Barber also explained the Zoning Ordinance referencing Commercial Vehicles and also explained Abandoned Motor Vehicles on Public Right-of-Way was enforced by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. She provided each member of the Committee with a handout of the Property Maintenance Code.

**Requests and Motions by Council Members**

There were no requests or motions.

**Item (6) Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Councilor Seman to adjourn. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Helen Hahn  
Administrative Coordinator