



County Council Committee Minutes

Public Works, Buildings & Grounds Committee July 20, 2020

The Public Works, Buildings & Grounds Committee of Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, July 20, 2020, in County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties. The following were in attendance: Honorable Roger Nutt, Chairman; Honorables Manning Lynch and Jack Mabry, Committee Members; along with Honorables Michael Brown, David Britt, Whitney Farr, and Bob Walker, Council Members. Also attending were Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Earl Alexander, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney.

I.

Chairman Nutt called the meeting to order.

II.

- A. Ms. Jes Sdao Swanson, Recycling Coordinator, presented information in reference to an Annual Solid Waste grant application to help maintain **Tire Recycling Management Program**. This is in regards to the SC-DHEC Waste Tire Grant. The County has been receiving these grants since 1994. The request is for \$4,750 for advertising our annual events and professional development. The request also includes \$2,681.93 in tire contractor grant reimbursement funds. There is no County match required. The total request is for \$7,431.93. Motion made by Mr. Mabry to approve submittal of the grant application. Motion seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried.
- B. Ms. Jes Sdao Swanson, Recycling Coordinator, presented information in reference to an Annual Solid Waste grant application to promote the **Waste Oil Recycling Program**. The County has been receiving these grants since 1994. This is to help manage our Waste Oil Program. It is South Carolina State Law that you must recycle your litter oil. The request is for advertising our annual events and professional development. The request also includes \$4,000 for oil spill kits to clean up spills at Recycling Centers and \$1,938 for absorbent socks for contaminated oil collection at all seventeen Recycling Centers.

There is no County match required. The total request is for \$10,688. Motion made by Mr. Mabry to approve submittal of the grant application. Motion seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried.

- C. Mr. Mike Thomas, President, Justice Planning Associates, presented a **Capital Penny Phase I Update**. (Pictures included in backup) Mr. Thomas showed pictures and renderings of the new Courthouse, the Plaza, and the Parking Garage. The first slide was the General Site Plan. Next month, the Judges' Temporary Parking Lot is going to be built. It will take about three months. At the same time, the Parking Garage will be started. It will take about eleven months. The Central Energy Plant will be started in November and take about six months. We will have a built Central Energy Plant and a built Parking Garage this time next year. The construction of the new Courthouse can then be started. It will take about two years to complete the new Courthouse from July 2021. The Court will then have to decide its best move in time. Then the existing building will be abated and demolished. Then the landscaping to finish the Plaza will be completed. Everything should be completely done around the end of 2023 or early in the first quarter of 2024. Brown brick will be used for the Parking Garage instead of red brick, because the red brick would not look good with the white marble look of the Courthouse. The brown brick will be used throughout as a pattern everywhere on Magnolia Street to get into the Plaza from both Library Street and St. John Street to approach the Courthouse and then within the Plaza itself. A picture of the new Courthouse and Plaza was shown. Large formal and informal events can be held in the Plaza. A Design Assist Partner has been picked for the Garage. It is Metromont. They have been working very diligently with Justice Planning Associates on the brown brick. Concrete is still being reviewed just to get the color we need. Tindall is working with Justice Planning Associates on the Courthouse itself. Metromont was the low bidder of the various people who submitted bids, but they were more interested in the Parking Garage. Tindall was the low bidder on the Courthouse. They have been working very diligently with Justice Planning Associates. They have faced a challenge that was quite difficult. The challenge was to give Justice Planning Associates a piece of concrete that would look and feel like white marble. They have come up with a concrete that is perhaps the best Mr. Thomas has ever seen. Everyone is working hard on the Courthouse. There are still a lot of details to work out. The inside will match the outside in terms of appearance and quality, and we are going to hit our budget. Mr. Alverson thanked Justice Planning Associates for all their hard work. They have been great partners on this. Mr. Nutt told Justice Planning Associates they have done a great job for Spartanburg County so far. Mr. Britt told Mr. Thomas the picture of the Courthouse is beautiful. Mr. Thomas stated that he has done a lot of Courthouses across the United States

including Supreme Court buildings, and he thinks this may be the best looking Courthouse they have ever done.

D. Information received regarding activities of the Public Works Department.

Meeting adjourned.