



**CITY OF CHESTER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020**

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MINUTES

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – 3:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Chairwoman Kovas, Committee Members Carlos Williams and Angela Douglas; City Administrator Stephanie Jackson and Public Works Director Reginald McBeth; and Carla Roof.

ABSENT: Sylvia Young.

Public Works Director Report – Mr. McBeth gave the Committee a report concerning the Public Works Department.

City Owned Properties – Mr. Williams presented to the Committee the proposal to sale city owned properties. The Committee discussed city owned properties. No action was taken.

Recognition of Beautiful Yards — Mrs. Jackson informed the Committee that Ms. Young is currently working on this project and waiting on prices. The mulch has not been used and needs to be moved to the Public Works Site in order to launch this project.

Garbage Collection — Discussion took place concerning garbage collection. Discussed moving the mulch to free up space and discussed having a mulch site. Discussion took place concerning the sale of the vehicles. Mrs. Jackson informed Mr. McBeth to get with her concerning the vehicles and she will prepare and take to Council.

Recycling — Discussion took place concerning the recycling of tires. It appears that now we are expending money and it should be where we are making money. We may as well be giving it away. We need to push a cardboard campaign. A list needs to be provided as to what can be recycled. Mr. McBeth indicated that all cardboard is excepted. We have a bailer; do we use it? Mr. McBeth indicated that we are currently bailing. Discussion took place concerning aluminum cans. We are currently collecting but we do not have a full bin. Metal and Cardboard is something that we need to push right now.

Future Planning — Mr. McBeth discussed reducing some services with contracting Sanitation out. This will reduce our budget. Mr. McBeth indicated that he will move some employees around and will not have to fill the positions that would become open. Mr. McBeth indicated that this would reduce his salary as well. This will allow him to focus more on Codes Enforcement. Mrs. Jackson informed Mr.

McBeth that you cannot create positions and you would have to advertise before moving anyone. Mrs. Jackson requested that Mr. McBeth, Mrs. Roof and Mrs. Jackson review and bring back to Committee. Discussion took place concerning the fire codes inspections and the building codes inspections. Mr. McBeth indicated the separation of Building Codes and Fire inspections was included in the proposal. Mrs. Jackson wanted to know if Mr. McBeth was leaving the City.

Grass Cutting — Mr. McBeth informed Council that he is helping with the maintenance of public parks and the lots the City currently owns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vacancy Ordinance — Councilwoman Douglas informed the Committee that the City of Columbia and the City of Sumpter currently has an Ordinance on Vacancy. Much discussion and review took place. Do we want a Registry? No action was taken. Mayor Stringfellow stated that she likes what was presented and we need to prepare an Ordinance and allow the Attorney to review and bring to Council.

With no further business, Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Councilwoman Kovas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carla Roof