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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes

April 26, 2017

PRESENT: Chairman Carlos Williams; Committee Members, Councilwoman Annie Reid and Councilwoman Angela Douglas; Interim Public Works Director Dale Cook, Jr.; and Public Works Clerk Sylvia Young.

Chairman Carlos Williams called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Employment Applications: Ms. Young gave the Committee copies of applications received for Public Works Director vacant position available in the Public Works Department. Chairman Williams instructed the Committee to review applications for later discussion at next meeting.

Future role and vision of Public Works Department: Chairman Williams asked the Committee to consider the Public Works Department future and their vision for a better department. Councilwoman Reid suggested that the Committee should review and restructure the Public Works Department before reviewing applications. Chairman Williams agreed with Councilwoman Reid concerns and added that the department needs to be conciliate employees to provide better accountability and supervision for staff.

Chairman Williams asked Mr. Cook to share with the Committee his ideas about the Public Works Department. Mr. Cook informed the Committee that the city should consider purchasing a bailer at an estimated price of \$16,000. He was delighted to inform the Committee that the Public Works Department have applied for a \$10,000 DHEC grant that could be used to purchase a bailer. He informed the Committee that the Public Works Department works with Chester County to process recycling data. After a brief discussion about recycling in the Public Works Department, Chairman Williams told the Committee about tour of Fisher Recycling while visiting in Charleston, SC. Fisher Recycling uses glass to make countertops for homes. He informed the Committee that he was very impressed with their product and he would contact company to see if they would be interested in collecting glass from the city.

The Committee discussed in detail about consolidating the Public Works Department and their goal to replace outdated equipment. In conclusion, Chairman Williams asked that the Committee review applications submitted to discuss at next meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Williams at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Sylvia Young
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Public Works Clerk