



Public Works Committee

November 14, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Carlos Williams, Chairman

MINUTES

Present: Chairman, Carlos Williams; Committee Members Councilwoman Angela Douglas and Councilwoman Annie Reid; City Administrator, Stephanie Jackson, Public Works Director Reginald McBeth and Payroll Specialist Sylvia Young.

Call to Order: Chairman Williams called meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Douglas made a motion to approve October 17, 2018 Committee Minutes with any necessary corrections. The motion carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Partnerships: Solid Waste – Chairman Williams announced to the Committee that he put item on agenda to get Mr. McBeth ideas and feedback about department partnership with schools, county and D.O.T. concerning solid waste. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee a detailed update concerning partnership contacts and results. The Committee discussed residential garbage collection, container damages and items that are collected at recyclable centers.

Commercial Collection (Sec. 47-23) – Chairman Williams expressed to the Committee his concerns about the collection of commercial debris and request feedback from Mr. McBeth. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee a report concerning commercial collection. Chairman Williams stated that the permits should reflect where contractors should put debris for pick up and violators should receive an extra fee or fine if debris are not put in proper location for pickup. He advised Mr. McBeth to get assistance from the Police Department for commercial collection. The Committee discussed commercial containers and previous commercial collection services.

Apartments, Complexes, Trailer Park Collection (Sec. 47-24) – The Committee discussed zoning ordinance amendment for collection. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee an update concerning garbage collection services for apartments, complexes and trailer parks. He informed the Committee that Carriage Hills Apartments manager has request collection services. Chairman Williams expressed the Committee his concerns about the removal of the illegal dumping of televisions and tires. Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that televisions are being tagged for illegal dumping. Also, he gave the Committee an update concerning facility clean-up efforts. Councilwoman Douglas told Mr. McBeth that she will provide him with pictures she has on illegal dumping of tires behind buildings.

Tree Limbs and Leaves (Sec. 47-32) – Chairman Williams informed Mr. McBeth that he has received several citizen complaints concerning the removal of tree limbs and leaves. He stated that a four weeks delay in the removal of leaves has caused the unsightly accumulation of debris especially on College Street and East Lacy Street. Mrs. Jackson informed the Committee that pick-up delays were due to staffing shortages and truck repairs. The Committee discussed how to improve the appearance of Downton area.

Drainage and Culverts – The Committee discussed clogged drains and culverts that were causing flooding. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee an update concerning clogged drainage and culverts. He reported to the Committee that clogged culverts was causing flooding on Saluda Street, Loomis Street and the East Chester area. Councilwoman Douglas suggested early spraying for vegetation and cleanup would help resolve problems during winter months. After discussion, Chairman Williams advised Mr. McBeth to contact D.O.T. for help with clogged culverts that were causing flooding issues.

Facility Maintenance – Chairman Williams expressed to Mr. McBeth the importance of maintaining the appearance of the Public Works Department building and asked for a progress report on facility maintenance. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee a detailed report concerning facility maintenance and Farmers Market projects. The Committee discussed ideas to maximize services and minimize cost to make department more cost effective. Mr. McBeth informed the Committee that the two reasons for department problems is low salaries and old equipment.

Holiday Readiness – Councilwoman Douglas informed the Committee that she put item on agenda for discussion because she wanted to make sure department was prepared for cleanup after holiday events. In detail the Committee discussed holiday readiness. Mr. McBeth gave the Committee a detailed report concerning department holiday readiness, cleanup in the Downtown area and banner installation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement – Councilwoman Douglas informed the Committee that she had put item on agenda for discussion and she provided the Committee with detailed information concerning the following items to improve rental properties:

- Community Outreach
- Substandard Housing (Rental Inspections, Inventory Registrations, Landlord Complaints)
- Policy Development & Collaboration

After discussion, the Committee decided to wait on Public Safety Committee reviews before moving forward with project.

With no further discussion, Chairman Williams made a motion to adjourn meeting. The motion carried with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sylvia Young