

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: March 20, 2019 – 5:30pm

Call meeting to order: Chairman Carlos Williams

Present Carlos Williams, Angela Douglas, Annie Reid

1. Call to Order

Angela Douglas informed the Committee that the park on Coogler Street still belonged the original property owner and that it has not been transferred to City that the City does not maintain lawn care service.

Ms. Douglas also addressed that visitors recommend that the downtown flower beds should be planted with perennial flowers and not trees and that all dead and stray flowers be removed.

2. Old Business

B. Chairman Williams that Public Works continued to pick up litter on all City streets.

Angela Douglas questioned the continued status of using WIA & SC DJJ youth could be used to help with litter pick up

Chairman Williams asked that since they used to use youth groups through Federal funding but that federal funding has ceased to support such groups recently.

Angela Douglas continued express and seek support from volunteers and youth groups for clean-up efforts throughout the city and asked if we were advertising for intern that would maybe volunteer.

Chairman Williams suggest that developing with local recycling groups to help alleviate County landfill cost. Also, that attract people with more skillset to accomplish more work.

Ms. Douglas discussed possible outsourcing of work with certain services such as garbage, debris, and household debris and possibly bring those suggestion to the finance committee and full council.

Chairman Williams requested and organizational chart for the next meeting.

C. Public Partnerships and Grant Opportunities

USDA, USDOE, and SC DHEC grants were suggested to improve to reapply for the SC DHEC Bailer grant.

Discussion was all mention that Public Works and City Administrator met with SC EMD about possibly receiving FEMA Mitigation. That the SC Governor has set up a state task force to locate flood plain areas

Throughout the City that could receive funding to cleanup and mitigate at least 10 possible areas in the city that would receive attention to prevent future flooding.

That public works had listed at least ten areas in the City that could received mitigation funding through the Governor's Task force.

D. Drainage and Culverts.

Chairman Williams met with SCDOT and asked about drainage flow through the City especially in the East Chester and Saluda areas.

Ms. Jackson addressed the East Chester plan that was done by the Council of Government and how the plan only addressed 10 houses was done through the federal grant.

Ms. Douglas stated that there were numerous areas in the City that needed to be addressed that were not done in the East Chester areas that were not included in the original grant.

Chairman Williams and Ms. Jackson suggested a meeting with COG.

E. Demolition and Blighted properties

Chairman Williams and Ms. Douglas requested updates on some blighted houses such as the one on West End Street and the East Chester areas.

F. Earth Day

Ms. Douglas asked for updates on the City plans for Earth Day April 20, 2019.

Public Works advertised on Channel 3, City Facebook page, and the Chester News and Reporter. That we will set up two trailers one for tires and one for TV's and electronics devices for Saturday from 9:00am to 2:00pm city residence only, refreshment will not be served.

New Business

Chairman Williams asked requested for the balanced from the 1 cent sale tax from Ms. Jackson and to discuss with SCDOT about ADA sidewalks, driveway repairs, and downtown streetscape sidewalks.

Adjournment. 6:45pm

Minutes by Reginald Mcbeth, Public Works Director