

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
AUGUST 28, 2012 – 9:00 A.M.
LINCOLN STREET PARKING GARAGE
CONFERENCE ROOM - 820 WASHINGTON STREET**



The Columbia City Council conducted an Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at the Lincoln Street Parking Garage Conference Room, 820 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The following Committee members were present: The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. VC Summer Nuclear Plant

Ms. Pamela Greenlaw, Ad-Hoc Group Supporter expressed concerns about approval of a state issued water discharge permit from two (2) nuclear receptacles that are being built in Fairfield County. The group encouraged city officials to persuade the State Environmental Agency to hold a public meeting on the newly-revised National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The purpose of the public meeting is to educate city residents about the release of heated water and radioactive waste into Broad River from the VC Summer Nuclear Power Plant.

Councilor Devine asked that staff review the revised draft NPDES permit and to bring a report back to the committee.

2. [Water and Sewer Line Warranty Program Request for Proposal Recommendations](#)

Ms. Dana Higgins, P.E. LEED A.P., City Engineer gave an update on the Water and Sewer Line Warranty Program RFP recommendations. Currently, the City received three (3) submittals from the following: American Water Resources, HomeServe USA and Utility Service Partners, Inc. The department is recommending the City enter into contract negotiations with Utility Service Partners, Inc. This firm provides an excellent overall data package for homeowners and has an A+ Better Business Bureau rating, including positive references from the City of Atlanta and Hendersonville, North Carolina. The total cost benefit to the City is estimated at \$482,133.00 over a five (5) year period. Benefits include: 10% of collected revenues; \$10,000 in establishing a Residential Assistance Program; \$20,000 upfront brand license fee payment at the time of contract execution; and \$10,000 brand license fee payment upon 2nd and 3rd year renewals. The program is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2013.

Councilor Devine recommended the following be scheduled for next month's meeting.

- Richard Burts to present the expansion of 701 Center for Contemporary Arts phase II project. Ms. Devine encouraged Councilor Runyan to invite the Arts and Historic Preservation Committee members to be a part of this discussion.
- Gene Dinkins to present the Shannon Neighborhood Drainage plan. She asked that Councilor Moe Baddourah be a part of this discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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