

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
JULY 17, 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, July 17, 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 9:07 a.m. The following Committee members were present: The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah (Non-committee member).

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Downtown Main Street Christmas Lighting

Ms. Angela Taylor, Downtown Resident made a recommendation to the committee for installing Christmas Lighting on tree trunks instead of tree canopies on Main Street. A proposal was made to purchase white lighting for twenty (20) Big Trees at an estimated price of \$1,500.00 with a separate installation fee of \$700.00 per tree and to purchase white lighting for six (6) Palms Trees at an estimated price of \$200.00 with a separate installation fee of \$130.00 per tree. Lighting lifetime is guaranteed to last for 180 days. New Christmas bows/wreaths would be purchased at an estimated price of \$80.00 per bow.

Councilor Devine asked that staff get with Ms. Taylor for more information on the companies she contacted for the price proposal and to bring the information back at the next committee meeting.

2. [Energy Savings Initiative Update](#)

Mr. David Knoche, Director of General Services provided an updated list of Energy Audit Projects recommended by Ameresco. The report was received as information.

3. [Martech Research](#)

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering presented a new product that the department is considering purchasing from Martech Research called the FOG Blocks which breaks down Fats, Oils and Grease. Martech Research has offered a free trial period to be tested at the Mill Creek Pump Station.

Councilor Devine asked that staff update the committee after the trial period.

4. [Climate Protection Action Committee Bylaws](#)

Ms. Mary Pat Baldauf, Sustainability Facilitator presented the Climate Protection Action Committee proposed By-Laws. The purpose of the By-Laws is to establish structure and terms for appointees.

Councilor Devine asked that the proposed By-Laws be scheduled for the August 7th Council meeting for adoption by the full council.

5. [Regional Sustainability Energy Plan](#)

Ms. Mary Pat Baldauf, Sustainability Facilitator introduced the Core Team from Lexington County, Richland County and the City of Columbia.

Mr. David Brandes, Genesis Consulting Group presented the Regional Sustainability Energy Plan.

Councilor Devine asked that staff schedule a full Council briefing in August.

6. [Shandon Stormwater Pilot Project](#)

Ms. Betsy Kaemmerlen, LA, LEED-AP presented the Green Infrastructure approach to help solve existing stormwater flooding drainage problems in the Shannon Neighborhood. A proposed cost was submitted for the East and West Pilot areas phase one project for Amherst, Maple and Wilmot Streets. Read Street was recommended as an alternate area.

7. Commercial Dumpster Recommendations

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works introduced the new City of Columbia Solid Waste Superintendent, Mr. John Hooks. Mr. Hooks came from the private industry and he brings much knowledge to the City regarding solid waste management.

Mr. Anderson met with representatives from Waste Management Republic and they agreed to the noise disturbance around the VA Hospital, took full responsibility and have assured that the problem with commercial dumpster noise disturbance near residential areas will be addressed immediately.

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

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