

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
JULY 30, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.
PARKING SERVICES
CONFERENCE ROOM - 820 WASHINGTON STREET**



Members of the Columbia City Council conducted an Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013 at the Parking Services Conference Room, 820 Washington Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. The Honorable Leona K. Plough and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan were present.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. [Update on the Pavement Management Study](#)

Mr. Destin Goins, Assistant Street Superintendent gave an update on pavement maintenance and road repairs in the City. The City maintains 28% of the roads and 72% are maintained by the state. He said Micro-Paver is the software used for pavement management, which includes an inventory database and road types and conditions. The current condition of the City roads is 40%. The County Transportation Committee approved funding for \$700,000; it will be given each year totaling \$3.5 million over a five (5) year period.

Councilor Devine asked that staff present an update to the full Council at the next available Council Meeting.

2. [Update on the Water / Sewer Line Warranty Program](#)

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Director of Utilities and Engineering said that this is an insurance program for homeowners to protect their water & sewer. In 2012, staff reviewed different programs to assist homeowners; a request for proposals (RFP) was issued; there were three (3) submittals and the department entered into contract negotiations with Utility Service Partners. He noted that in January 2013, the RFP was canceled due to a statewide security breach at the Department of Revenue. The department recommends issuing another RFP. Presently, the department is in the process of negotiating an “Operation Round-up” Agreement with the Community Development Department, which an initiative where citizens will be given the opportunity to round-up their water bill to the nearest dollar in order to fund a residential assistance program targeted at providing one time assistance due to isolated financial burdens.

Councilor Devine asked staff to move forward with issuing the RFP and to send a copy via email for the committee to review.

3. Update on Sewer Lines Servicing W.G. Sanders Middle School

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Director of Utilities and Engineering said the school has requested one (1) bill for sewer and water. Currently, the school's sewer services are provided by East Richland and water services are provided by the city.

Councilor Devine asked if there is a cost.

Mr. Joey Jaco, P.E., Director of Utilities and Engineering said yes; the City will have to build a separate tank for the school.

Councilor Devine asked staff to present the sewer/water bill estimate to the school for consideration. She asked staff to give updates on the Rocky Branch Study and Parking Services RFP at the next committee meeting and to present to full Council an update on processing claims for tree damages in the City at the next available Work Session meeting.

- **The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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