

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
MEETING REPORT  
OCTOBER 28, 2014 – 9:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
1737 MAIN STREET**



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Members of the Columbia City Council conducted an Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m., and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan was present. The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh was absent.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

1. Update on Recycle Bins

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works gave an update on the history of the recycling program. He said since 1991, the program was elected to be in the education business and the first 18-gallon recycling bin was created on April 1, 1991.

Mr. John Hook, Solid Waste Superintendent gave an update on the conversion from 18-gallon recycling bins to 96-gallon roll carts for our residential recycling program. He pointed out that Columbia was approved for a \$300,000 grant from the Southeastern Recycling Development Council; a public-private partnership helping to reduce recycling rates throughout the United States and the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has pledged \$50,000 (\$25,000 towards recycling carts and \$25,000 towards education). The department recommended the following: a one-time conversion implementation at an estimated cost of \$1,700,000; changing the service collections time from weekly to bi-monthly and drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for potential private partnerships to assist with implementing the roll carts.

Councilor Devine asked how long the grant funds will be available.

John Hook, Solid Waste Superintendent said we have until next summer; a commitment letter will have to be signed.

There was a consensus of the committee to draft a RFP and to bring a proposal back to the full Council.

## 2. Update on Water / Sewer Line Repair Warranty Program

Ms. Melissa Gentry, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Operations said the department is wrapping up the negotiations with the selected vendor and will bring the recommendations to the full Council on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. She pointed out that SCANA is offering a similar program and the department has asked them to reconsider doing something different with their program.

The committee received this report as information. No action was taken.

- **The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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