

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
OCTOBER 30, 2012 – 2:00 P.M.
LINCOLN STREET PARKING GARAGE
CONFERENCE ROOM – 820 WASHINGTON STREET**



The Columbia City Council conducted an Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 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 2:04 p.m. and The Honorable Leona K. Plough, The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan and The Honorable Moe Baddourah (Non-Committee Member) were present.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission recommendations for Bull Street Neighborhood Development

Mr. Andy Whitfield, Columbia Tree and Appearance Commission Committee Member pointed out some concerns with destroying the grand trees on Bull Street and not being able to recoup the canopy of the site once the trees are demolished. Recommendations were made to provide a tree / condition survey, which will allow a license surveyor to locate the state of the trees and permit an arborist to report the condition of the health / species of the trees. It would encourage the City to enforce the current ordinance, which will attempt to protect the trees baseline and resources from being eradicate by the developer. An estimated cost for both surveys will be \$20,000.00.

Councilor Devine inquired about an uncertain tree survey from a previous meeting two (2) years ago.

Ms. Melissa Gentry, PE., Assistant City Manager said Forestry and Beautification has not completed a survey and are not aware if a state survey has been completed.

Councilor Devine asked staff to clarify the developer's perception for the tree survey.

Ms. Krista Hampton, Director of Planning and Development explained that the Planned Unit Development (PUD) requires a tree survey one (1) for the site after the infrastructure is developed. The ligation requirements are one-to-one or inch-to-inch tree removals and are not on a sliding scale like the zoning ordinance.

Councilor Devine asked that staff compare the tree ordinance difference in the PUD and bring a report back to the committee.

2. Shandon Neighborhood Drainage Plan

Mr. Ted Blackwell, Engineer / Cox and Dinkins, Inc. presented a model for the Shannon-Rosewood Neighborhood east / west watershed areas, which is a Non-Green Infrastructure incremental fix to compliment the plan's east / west Pilot areas. 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. The most reported drainage problems occurred North of Rosewood Drive. Green Infrastructure has been considered for the east / west watershed areas to include alternative routes for improving the drainage condition. Suggestions were made to add new piping lines to secure the water before it strikes the residential areas.

Councilor Devine asked that staff compare the proposals and bring a report back to committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

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