

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2015-028

Establishing a mechanism to include citizens to review and provide input to City of Columbia staff regarding the recommendations resulting from responses to the Request for Expression of Interest issued January 8, 2015 entitled "Efficiency Opportunities Related to the Operation and Maintenance of Water & Wastewater Treatment and Distribution Systems Public-Private Partnership"

WHEREAS, the City received responses on February 23, 2015 to its Request for Expression of Interest issued January 8, 2015 entitled "Efficiency Opportunities Related to the Operation and Maintenance of Water & Wastewater Treatment and Distribution Systems Public Private Partnership"; and,

WHEREAS, the City has established a process for reviewing and evaluating these Expressions of Interest that includes technical staff; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Columbia have expressed a desire for transparency and inclusion; and,

WHEREAS, during the discussion of Resolution No. R-2015-015, the Mayor and City Council proposed including citizens in the evaluation process; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 17th day of March, 2015 as follows:

1. Staff shall include citizens in the committee review process of the RFEI – Efficiency Opportunities Review Committee.
2. The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, one (1) each to be appointed by the Mayor and the members of Council.
3. The purpose of the Committee shall be to review and comment on the proposals resulting from responses to the RFEI for Efficiency Opportunities.
4. The Committee shall meet for one day to review and provide comment on the proposals.
5. Based upon the feedback of the committee, recommendations will be made by staff on the proposals that should be explored further through the formal bid process or otherwise. Once a decision is made to pursue any or all ideas/proposals, these recommendations can be made public.
6. The Committee will comply with all applicable state and federal laws including confidentiality, conflict of interest, and freedom of information meeting requirements.
7. The Committee members shall serve in a voluntary nature and position, and such position shall not be considered as being an employee, agent, nor an elected official of the City of Columbia, South Carolina and as such cannot legally bind or obligate the City in transactions with others and that such appointment shall expire upon completion of the RFEI review process.

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Mayor

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