



City of Charleston
Committee on Public Works & Utilities
January 27, 2025

A meeting of the Committee on Public Works & Utilities was held this date beginning at 5:02 p.m. over video conference call.

Notice of this meeting was sent to all local news media.

Present: Councilmember Waring, Chair, Mayor Cogswell, Councilmember Gregg, Councilmember Parker, and Councilmember Seekings.

Also Present: Matt Alltop, Philip Clapper, Julia Copeland, Magalie Creech, Melissa Cruthirds, Elizabeth Dieck, Matthew Fountain, Steve Kirk, Josh Martin, Jim O'Connor, and Robbie Somerville.

Link to meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u24HvRJwWRU>

A. Invocation

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence provided by Councilmember Seekings.

B. Approval of Public Works and Utilities Committee Minutes

1. **December 16, 2024**

On a motion by Councilmember Gregg, seconded by Mayor Cogswell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item B1.

C. Request to Set a Public Hearing

None.

D. Old Business

None.

E. Acceptance and Dedication of Rights-of-Way and Easements

1. **Central Park Cluster Development – Highcroft Avenue (R/W varies), Minton Road (R/W varies)**

- a. Title to Real Estate
- b. Exclusive Stormwater Drainage Easement Agreement

- c. Affidavit for Taxable or Exempt Transfers
- d. Plat

Mr. Fountain explained the item.

On a motion by Councilmember Gregg, seconded by Mayor Cogswell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Items E1a-E1d.

F. Temporary Encroachments Approved by The Department of Public Service (For information only)

- 1. 3120 South Shore Drive – Installing salt-finished driveway encroaching into City right of way. This encroachment is temporary.
- 2. 179 Church St. – Installing sign encroaching into City right of way. This encroachment is temporary.

Mr. Fountain said the items were standard encroachments presented for information only.

G. Public Service Department Update

- 1. Director Updates

None.

H. Stormwater Management Department Update

- 1. Barberry Woods – Approval of Amendment #8 to the Professional Services Contract with WK Dickson & Co., LLC. for \$398,050.000 to add Construction Engineering & Inspection Services to the Barberry Woods Project.

Mr. Fountain explained the item and displayed a slide.

On a motion by Councilmember Gregg, seconded by Mayor Cogswell, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item H1.

2. Barberry Woods – Discussion of Wetland and Stream Mitigation Credits

Mr. Fountain gave an update on the Barberry Woods wetland and stream mitigation credits process. After receiving excellent pricing well within the budget, they were finalizing the quotes and credits they had received. They were also finalizing the final contract with the Legal Department.

3. Concord Pump Station Upfit – Update on Construction Progress

Mr. Fountain gave an update on the Concord Pump Station Upfit and Construction Progress and displayed slides outlining the progress.

Mayor Cogswell said he was concerned about the replacement of the roof.

Mr. Fountain said the roof was tin and it had started to fail and deteriorate. The architects suggested replacing it while completing the work. The roof would be replaced with a copper roof with a 50-year lifespan.

4. Stormwater Design Standards Manual Update Discussion

Mr. Fountain gave an update on the progress of the Stormwater Design Standards Manual. The full presentation can be viewed using the link above.

Discussion was held on several of the items.

5. Authorization for the Mayor to execute a Contract Amendment, in a form substantially similar to the Professional Service Contract attached hereto, in the amount of \$15,800.00 with JMT for services requested by the USCG related to the assessment of wave and water impacts to the USCG facility in the vicinity of the proposed knee wall along Lockwood Drive.

Mr. Martin explained the item.

Councilmember Seekings asked if the project would be slowed down.

Mr. Martin said it would not impact the schedule.

On a motion by Mayor Cogswell, seconded by Councilmember Seekings, the Committee voted unanimously to approve Item H5.

I. Miscellaneous Business

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Sheila Smith
Clerk of Council's Office