

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

SOUTH CAROLINA

SEWER AD HOC COMMITTEE

September 23, 2014
3:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room

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CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Washington called the meeting to order.

OASIS REPORT

- Objective: Evaluate and present a recommendation and best options to move forward with the management and operations; and screen the “Capacity, Manager, and Operations and Maintenance Programs” within Utilities Department.
- Interviews were conducted with County Administration and Council members
- Methodology: To develop a significant number of items that would be evaluated – regulatory compliance, regulatory authority, the overall environmental protection, public health, corrective action authority, enhancement of the quality of life within the community, economic growth, growth management, increased property tax base, continued superior customer service, assist underserved population areas, support community services, manage the level of services, access to capital, and responsiveness to the public.
- What’s needed to create an authority? Bylaws and charter have been developed, work with Legal to develop the program, submit to State, select Commissioners, Executive Director and staff.
- Difference between Authority, Public Service District or Commission? Public Service District and an Authority is basically the same thing. The Commission is the individuals that run the Authority.
- If an Authority is created, can the Authority sell the assets? Depends on how the Authority is set up.
- Is the Authority public or private? Public



Committee Members Present

Kelvin E. Washington, Sr., Chair
District Ten

Bill Malinowski
District One

Others Present:

Greg Pearce

Torrey Rush

Julie-Ann Dixon

Tony McDonald

Sparty Hammett

Andy Metts

Ray Peterson

Monique McDaniels

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- How would the Authority and its Board be appointed? Council would appoint the Board.
- Will the Legislature be able to take over the Authority? The Authority will be a County Authority and appointed by County Council
- Legal costs to set up Authority? Approximately \$200,000
- Would the Authority address “doughnut holes” within/around the City? Yes, it could.
- The rationale for recommending the formation of an Authority: (1) The ability to select a Commission that’s only obligation is to look at the utilities that are serving the residents; (2) The ability to bond things that are not going to be bonded by the County; and (3) Reduces the politics.