



Richland County Council
SEWER AD HOC COMMITTEE
December 7, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

Cheryl English District 10	Bill Malinowski District 1
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- 1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Honorable Bill Malinowski

- 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Honorable Bill Malinowski
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- 3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** The Honorable Bill Malinowski

- 4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

- 5. **PROJECT UPDATE [PAGE 6]**

- 6. **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**
 - a. **TCO Change Order 12 [PAGES 7-11]**

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- 7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Richland County Council
Sewer Ad Hoc Committee
December 15, 2020 –3:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair, and Dalhi Myers

OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Livingston, Chakisse Newton, Michelle Onley, John Thompson, Leonardo Brown, Tamar Black, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Ashiya Myers, Elizabeth McLean, Jessica Mancine, Stacey Hamm, Bill Davis, Lori Thomas, Sahad Khlqa, Brad Farrar and Tariq Hussain

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

a. **December 8, 2020** – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve the minutes as distributed.

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to adopt the agenda as published.

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION**

a. **Eastover Plant Upgrades – Southeast Sewer Project Flow Increase** – Mr. Davis stated the answers to the question raised at the previous meeting were addressed in Addendum 4(a). To complete Option I's scope of work would take approximately 26 weeks. Option II would take approximately 42 weeks, with 16 weeks of extension on the Southeast Sewer connection, which would also incur a cost from the City of Columbia of approximately \$185,715.48. The staff's recommendation is to proceed with Option I.

Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to approve staff's recommendation.

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers

The vote in favor was unanimous.

b. **Sewer Service for Albene Park** – Mr. Davis stated they took a look back at the history, and what was presented. Albene Park was never part of Phase I.

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Ms. Myers stated Albene Park was not technically a part of Phase I. During the roll out of this project, when she was conducting meetings, the residents of Albene Park were told that if they signed up they could be included in Phase I. She noted it is the only subdivision in this area, which is where the sewer system is going. There are about 50 houses that have signed up. Many of them have compromised septic tanks and asked specifically in meetings if they could be included, and they were told they would be. The issue arose later, when Joel Woods said it was his opinion they were too far off the highway. It is a subdivision so there are going to be some houses that are further away than others. She did not know they would not be included until the construction was bypassing the houses and the residents notified her. She believes we made promise. There is an economic reason for including them. The 50 paying customers who are ready, willing and able to pay would help defray the cost of paying the bond back. She stated the only PR we had for this multi-million dollar system was through her. There were more than 500 people that signed up, but many of them were not on Phase I. She believes there are economic factors that ought to mitigate in favor of adding these people to the system because they are less than half a mile off the system. She requested staff and Mr. Malinowski to support adding these residents on to the system. She noted she thinks there is money in the bond that could go toward adding them on to the system in Phase I, which makes more sense than coming back and trying to add them later.

Mr. Davis noted the cost of the Albene Park project is \$1,482,000 and the engineering is approximately \$250,000, which equates to approximately \$1.75M.

Ms. Myers noted the cost for the Southeast Sewer and Water Project is approximately \$27M.

Mr. Malinowski inquired if there is \$1.75M available.

Dr. Thompson responded there is no additional available funds within the pot of money for the Southeast Sewer and Water Project.

Ms. Myers inquired about the other revenue that was available. She inquired if they are counting that for the upgrade for the Eastover System.

Dr. Thompson responded they have a total of \$33M in bond funding. For this project there is \$27M, Cedar Cove/Stoney Point is \$2.5M, the Consent Order corrective action plan is \$3.1M, and the upgrade and expansion of the solid treatment process is \$1.5M.

Ms. Myers stated the Consent Order is not a Richland County Consent Order. It is a District I Consent Order. This is the issue she has been raising since we started this project. We are now spending \$3.5M to come up with the plan for the Consent Order that is on District I, not Richland County. Now what was the overage in the project has been expended to account for a remediation plan for the Consent Orders that were on the School District.

Dr. Thompson stated for clarification the Consent Order is for the Broad River Treatment Plant. The bond funding it to facilitate 4 projects.

Ms. Myers inquired as to what happened to the contingency funding.

Dr. Thompson responded there is a contingency of \$1M.

Ms. Myers stated she thought we were under budget.

Dr. Thompson responded that they are not under budget. They are on target, at the moment.

Ms. Myers stated the route starts where Albene Park is. They have held meetings. We have met with them. She has met with them. If they were not going to be included, she thinks someone should have told them. And, someone should have told her that in the beginning because she would have moved to increase the bond funding amount to include them. It is not logical to bypass the only subdivision in the area, where there is 50

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houses willing to pay. She inquired if they had run the numbers on what the revenue generated from the houses would be. She noted it does not make sense to drive past these houses.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to who made the promises to who.

Dr. Thompson stated he is only aware that we were to construct the backbone of the system. In his conversations with the engineers and consultant, going into Albene Park is an extension of the backbone of the system.

Ms. Myers inquired if Dr. Thompson recalled the meetings where he, Joel Woods and herself were present and the residents were promised, if they signed up, and on the route, they would be included in Phase I. This is a new iteration.

Mr. Woods stated the map they presented at the public meetings did not show Albene Park. They made general statements that if they signed up by a certain date in December, and they were along the route, they would be included in the project. He believes there are two people in Albene Park that are along the route of Phase I, and are included in the project. Those that away from the main line depicted on the map are not included, but will be included in Phase II, if they signed up.

Ms. Myers disagreed with Mr. Woods' statement. She inquired if Mr. Woods was requested to walk the route with the residents.

Mr. Woods responded he was never requested to come out.

Dr. Thompson stated Mr. Woods produced the document of \$1.8M to do that work after Ms. Myers' held her virtual town hall meeting, when the information was requested.

Ms. Myers noted the town hall meeting was after about 15 meetings. At those earlier meetings, we talked about the mileage limitation, and whether or not somebody would be required to provide their own backhaul to connect to the system. Nobody in those meetings would have been competent enough to tell you where their house was along the route, and whether it was on the design of the backbone.

Mr. Malinowski stated he believes we are at the he said/she said point.

Mr. Brown stated this has come up a couple times, and he would like to get an opinion on who has the authority to bind the County. He keeps being put in these type situations where there are conversations among people, and they come back as duties for him to fulfill.

Ms. Myers responded she clearly knows she does not have the authority to bind the County. She also knows that she is a short-timer and it is very easy to write these people off. She took the Engineer on the project, and the ACA in charge of the project with her. She begged other people from the County to go as well because she is not an Engineer. Suggesting that someone went out willy-nilly to bind the County, when we took the people out that were designing the network. Joel Woods said, if they were on the route, to go ahead and sign up and they would be included in Phase I, and that is what these people did. It is a little rich to now to come back and say, "who has the authority to hold the meeting to bind the County." If we did not have an Administrator, the best we could do is take out the people who were in charge of the project, and that is what she did.

Ms. McLean stated no one can bind the County, except the Council, or someone that has been given the authority by Council. For example, if you gave the Administrator the authority to go to a function and bind the County, that may be possible.

Mr. Malinowski stated we are at the point where there is a Phase I, which was approved by Council. For clarification, Phase I did not include these additional homes. He inquired if the proper method to get these homes included would be for Ms. Myers to make a motion.

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Ms. McLean responded a motion would be the best course, if we are unclear if Council voted to include this in Phase I.

Mr. Davis stated the project would take time to design, and then let for a construction project.

Ms. Myers noted that no houses are included in the backbone design.

Ms. Myers moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to include Albene Park in the Phase I construction of the Southeast Sewer Project to alleviate serious sewer issues.

In Favor: Malinowski, Myers

The vote in favor was unanimous.

c. **Council Motion: I move to direct the County Administrator to work with staff to develop a modified sewer plan that:**

- Corrects the disparity in sewer rates for the new Richland County sewer customers transferred from City of Columbia sewer service in January 2020; and
- Assesses and updates the County's long-term sewer strategy to ensure the sustained health of the system while also preserving fair, consistent rates for all sewer users.

This plan should be comprehensive in nature and include a timeline, benchmarks, and a methodology for tracking its success. It should also identify the parties responsible for completing proposed work as well as a robust constituent communication strategy. The plan should move to Council for review and action as soon as possible and no later than Council's March 17th meeting (or not more than four [4] weeks from the date of Council's February 18th meeting) [NEWTON]

5. **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:32 PM.

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Project Update

Prepared by:	Bill Davis	Title:	Director
Department:	Utilities	Division:	
Date Prepared:	November 22, 2021	Meeting Date:	December 07, 2021
Approved for Consideration:	Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM	
Committee:	Sewer Ad Hoc		
Council Initiative/Project:	Southeast Sewer and Water Project		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (NARRATIVE STATUS):

After confirming those who could connect, there was a total of 46 customers. On September 2, 2021, the Richland County Utilities staff hand-delivered all forms and documents to the 46 customers. On October 29, 2021, after multiple attempts to contact the unresponsive customers by phone and email, we sent the final notice for completing the forms for connection by certified mail to 18 residents. In this letter, we requested the forms be returned by November 12, 2021. After the final notice, we have a total of 32 sewer connections and 14 water connections.

PENDING ACTIONS/DELIVERABLES AND ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATES:

The project completion date set for March 07, 2022.

**RICHLAND COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION**

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803-576-2050



Agenda Briefing

Prepared by:	Bill Davis	Title:	Director
Department:	Utilities	Division:	
Date Prepared:	November 22, 2021	Meeting Date:	December 07, 2021
Legal Review	Patrick Wright via email	Date:	December 01, 2021
Budget/Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	December 02, 2021
Approved for consideration:	Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCEM	
Committee	Sewer Ad Hoc		
Subject:	Southeast Sewer Project Change Order - Installation of Additional Storage Tank and Remobilization Expenses		

STAFF’S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends approval of Change Order Proposals to Division 3 - TCO Construction for:

- Extra storage tank for residential grinder units;
- Remobilization and other expenses due to delays in the Southeast Sewer and Water Expansion Project.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Yes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department’s current fiscal year budget?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If no, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

The Southeast Sewer and Water Expansion Project has the funds to pay for the change order. The total cost for the change orders is \$172,000.05. The additional storage tank for the residential grinder pump units is \$105,000.00 for ten (10) units. The remobilization and other expenses incurred due to delays costs are \$67,000.05.

COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

None.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

None applicable.

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

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STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

This change order is for the extra storage for the residential grinder pump that will be installed on the property and the remobilization, utilities, lay down yard, trailer, and other expenses incurred for the additional time that it takes to complete the project. The standard grinder pump system that was purchased for residents who signed up for sewer connection only holds up to about 110 gallons. The original design considered the cost limit of \$20,000 for the grinder tank which limited the storage capacity of the grinder tank. The extra storage tank is needed for increasing the capacity to hold more volume in case of pump malfunction or power failure in these remote locations. In addition, the extra storage tank will have enough wastewater to get the system back online and prevent possible sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) in these individual residential grinder pump systems.

Division 3 cannot complete their work until Division 2 is finished.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FOR CONSIDERATION:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Change Order Proposals by the Contractor

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Project: SE Richland County Sewer & Water System Expansion - Div. 3
 Date: 10/19/2021 SRF No.: 574-20
 Contractor: TCO construction Owner: Richland County Government
 Contract No.: CN200032 Change Order No.: 12

Description (quantities, units, unit prices, change in contract time, etc.) and necessity of changes (attach adequate documentation-maps, correspondence, etc):

Additional monies to cover remobilization, utilities, laydown yard and trailer, and sanitary facilities expenses from 8/12/2021 to estimated completion 3/7/2022. Please attach cost documentation with associated changes (show increase and decrease in contract price). (13 months)

Original Contract Price:	\$ 5,822,022.04
Change in Contract Price due to this Change Order:.....	\$ 67,000.05
Total Decrease of this Change Order:.....	\$ -
Total Increase of this Change Order:.....	\$ 67,000.05
Net (increase)(decrease) in Contract Price:.....	\$ 67,000.05

1. Is proposed change an alternate bid? yes no
2. Will proposed change alter the physical size of the project? yes no
If yes, explain.
3. Effect of this change on other prime contractors: Division 3 cannot be completed until Division 3 is complete.
4. Has consent of surety been obtained? yes n/a
5. Will this change affect expiration or extent of insurance coverage? yes no
If yes, will the policies be extended? yes no

The sum of \$67,000.05, is hereby added to (deducted from) the total contract price, and the total adjusted contract price to date thereby is \$5,945,594.09.

The time provided for completion in the contract is (unchanged) (increased) (decreased) by _____ calendar days. This document shall become an amendment to the contract and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto. Liquidated damages will be assessed: yes/no \$/days _____

Total \$ _____ (Cost to maintain beyond timeline - \$5,153.85 per month.)

Recommended by _____
 Accepted by [Signature] ^{Engineer} Date 10-19-21
 Approved by _____ ^{Contractor} Date _____
 _____ ^{Owner} Date _____

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Project: SE Richland County Water & Sewer System Expansion-Div. 3
 Date: 10/28/2021 SRF No.: 574-20
 Contractor: TCO Construction Owner: Richland County Government
 Contract No.: CN200033 Change Order No.: 13

Description (quantities, units, unit prices, change in contract time, etc.) and necessity of changes (attach adequate documentation-maps, correspondence, etc): In order to provide extra storage for the residential grinder units, the County would like to add a 54x3 concrete vault with man access between the line to the extg. sewer main and the new grinder pumps. This change also includes moving the valves that were inside the grinder wet well.
 Please attach cost documentation with associated changes (show increase and decrease in contract price). (Cost, cont)

Original Contract Price:	\$ 5,823,052.04
Change in Contract Price due to this Change Order:.....	\$ 105,000.00
Total Decrease of this Change Order:.....	\$ -
Total Increase of this Change Order:.....	\$ 105,000.00
Net (increase)(decrease) in Contract Price:.....	\$ 105,000.00

- Is proposed change an alternate bid? yes no
- Will proposed change alter the physical size of the project?
If yes, explain. yes no
- Effect of this change on other prime contractors: -
- Has consent of surety been obtained? yes n/a
- Will this change affect expiration or extent of insurance coverage?
If yes, will the policies be extended? yes no

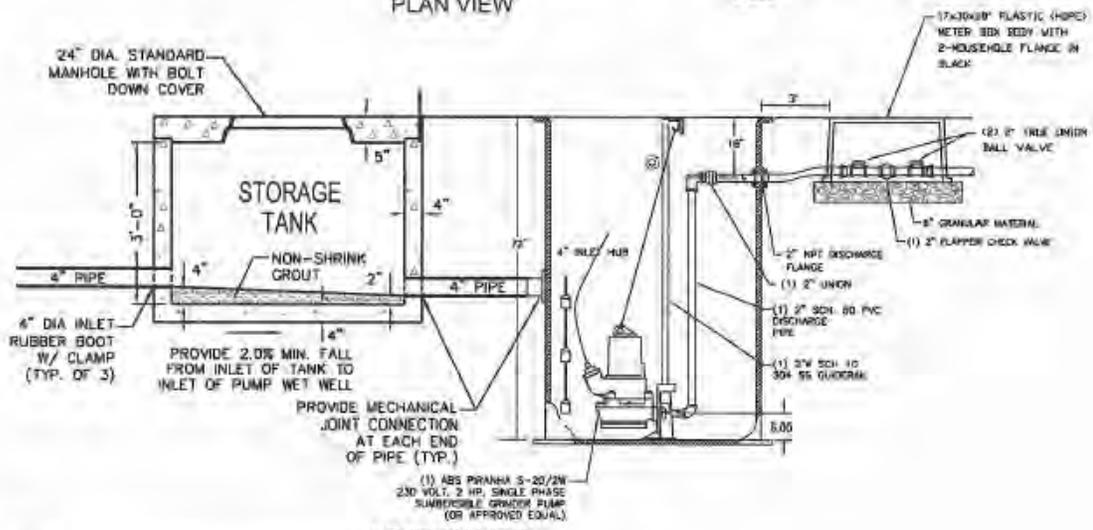
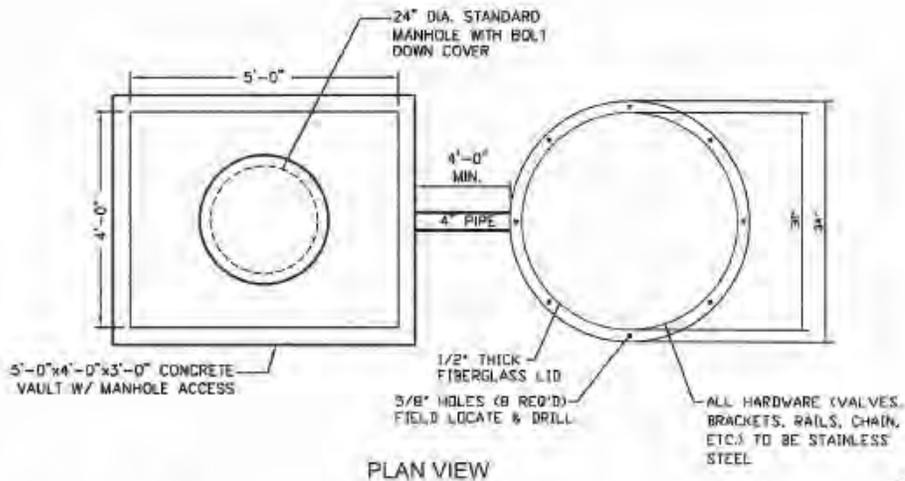
The sum of \$105,000.00 is hereby (added to)(deducted from) the total contract price, and the total adjusted contract price to date thereby is \$ 6,050,594.04

The time provided for completion in the contract is (unchanged) (increased) (decreased) by _____ calendar days. This document shall become an amendment to the contract and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto. Liquidated damages will be assessed: yes/no _____ \$/days _____

Total \$ _____

Recommended by _____
 Accepted by [Signature] ^{Engineer} Date 10-28-21
 Approved by _____ ^{Contractor} Date _____
 _____ ^{Owner} Date _____

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 outside, into a meter box per attached drawing, change order increase includes pricing for a total of ten (10) vault/trunks. This proposal expires in 15 days as pricing is subject to increase after this time. No bid to be received after 11/10/21.



- NOTES:
1. CONCRETE: 4,000 PSI MINIMUM AFTER 28 DAYS.
 2. ALL REINFORCEMENT PER ASTM C1227.
 3. TONGUE & GROOVE JOINT SEALED WITH BUTYL RESIN.
 4. SUPPLIER TO PROVIDE FLOTATION CALCULATIONS BY LICENSED ENGINEER TO ENSURE THE CONCRETE TANK DOES NOT FLOAT.
 5. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE SHOP DRAWINGS TO ENGINEER & RCU PRIOR FOR APPROVAL OF ALL COMPONENTS.

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PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL GRINDER PUMP UNIT W/ STORAGE TANK

SCALE: NTS



Agenda Briefing

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Department:	Utilities	Division:	
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Budget/Finance Review	Stacey Hamm via email	Date:	December 02, 2021
Approved for consideration:	Assistant County Administrator	John M. Thompson, Ph.D., MBA, CPM, SCCEM	
Committee	Sewer Ad Hoc		
Subject:	Resuming Disconnections for Non-Payment		

STAFF'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff would like to resume our policy for disconnections for water and sewer service for customer non-payment.

Request for Council Reconsideration: Yes

FIDUCIARY:

Are funds allocated in the department's current fiscal year budget?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
If no, is a budget amendment necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No

ADDITIONAL FISCAL/BUDGETARY MATTERS TO CONSIDER:

We are currently facing a revenue loss of nearly 10% from non-payment from our customer base. Service fees are our only source of revenue as an Enterprize Fund.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FEEDBACK/POSSIBLE AREA(S) OF LEGAL EXPOSURE:

None.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE:

None applicable

MOTION OF ORIGIN:

There is no associated Council motion of origin.

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STRATEGIC & GENERATIVE DISCUSSION:

As of August 31, 2021, Richland County Utilities had accounts receivable of \$1,033,034 of which \$962,265 is delinquent. Of the delinquent amount, \$913,018.42 is over 90 days past due because of the suspension of disconnections for non-payment.

On March 14, 2020, the Governor signed an executive order to suspend the Utility disconnection due to the State of Emergency. In May 2020, the Governor allowed the disconnections to begin with steps to normalize disconnections. Staff would like to resume disconnections for non-payment in the next billing cycle following council approval. We would also resume our policy of collecting reconnection fees for water and sewer customers who have been disconnected. Staff will communicate the plan to resume disconnections along with information about reconnection fees using PIO printed messages in each utility bill.

Current Water Rates:

Miscellaneous Customer Charges



Late payment fee	10% of outstanding balance
Returned check	\$30
Establish a new account	\$30
Bulk water tank withdrawal (if available)	\$30 + \$4.67/1,000 gallons
Reconnected terminated customer	\$65
Meter testing	\$65
Damage to equipment or infrastructure	Cost to replace/repair
Tampering with equipment or infrastructure (non-terrorism)	\$200 per incident and/or imprisonment & damages

Unpermitted connections-\$200+normal tap fees+back user fees+cost of all inspections=charges

Miscellaneous Customer Charges



Late payment fee	10% of outstanding balance
Returned check	\$30
Establish a new account	\$30
Sewer grey water interceptor pump-out	\$100 for first 500 gals + \$25/ 500 gals thereafter
Reconnected terminated customer (standard)	\$75
Reconnect terminated customer (excavation)	\$375
Damage to equipment or infrastructure	Cost to replace/repair
Tampering with equipment or infrastructure (non-terrorism)	\$200 per incident and/or imprisonment & damages

Unpermitted connections-\$200+normal tap fees+back user fees+cost of all inspections=charges

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Correspondence from Governor Henry McMaster
2. Regular Session Minutes from April 07, 2020



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

May 13, 2020

Nanette S. Edwards, Esquire
Executive Director
Office of Regulatory Staff
1401 Main Street, Suite 850
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Director Edwards:

I write to address two separate but related issues regarding utilities and cooperatives serving the State of South Carolina.

First, I ask that you please extend my sincere appreciation to the hard-working linemen and employees of our State's utilities and cooperatives for their steadfast efforts and dedicated service during these difficult times. In addition to providing essential utility services while navigating the extraordinary circumstances associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"), many of these same linemen and employees were also tasked with responding to the unprecedented severe weather outbreak that recently impacted our State. Their service to the people of our State is noted and most appreciated.

Second, as you will recall, I wrote to you on March 14, 2020, to ask that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") communicate and effectuate my request that regulated utilities and cooperatives serving South Carolina not suspend or disconnect essential services for nonpayment during the State of Emergency. It is my understanding that ORS subsequently conveyed my request to the Public Service Commission ("PSC"), as well as to utilities and cooperatives, and that service disconnections by utilities were successfully suspended. I believe these actions were beneficial to the people of South Carolina, and I appreciate the efforts of all involved—regulators and utilities—in thoughtfully considering and promptly responding to my request.

As you are aware, the State is now in the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization, while also simultaneously addressing and mitigating the significant economic and other impacts on individuals, families, and businesses. Consistent with these efforts, I ask that ORS work with the PSC and providers of utility services to take similar steps to allow for a return to normal business

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operations, while continuing to provide flexibility and assistance to customers and ratepayers. Local organizations, such as community action agencies, will play a vital role in this process, and I encourage these entities and the utilities to streamline their administrative processes as much as possible to accommodate individuals and businesses in need of assistance. To this end, please relay my request that providers of utility services proceed with developing and implementing plans for phasing in normal business operations, while also working with their customers and ratepayers who need assistance to refer them to local organizations or arrange payment plans that will avoid or minimize penalties and service interruptions.

Thank you for your continued leadership and consideration of these important issues. As always, if I can be of service or assistance regarding this matter or otherwise, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours very truly,



Henry McMaster

16. **REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE** – No report was given.
17. **REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** – No report was given.
18. **REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** – Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Ms. McBride, to defer the Economic Development items until the April 21st Council meeting.

In Favor: Malinowski, Terracio, Newton, McBride, Myers, Livingston, Jackson, Walker, Manning and Dickerson

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- a. A Resolution Authorizing the Administration by the County of certain grant funds from the South Carolina Department of Commerce – Deferred
 - b. A Resolution Authorizing the extension of an Option Agreement between Richland County, South Carolina and Garners Ferry Development Company and other matters related thereto – Deferred
 - c. Consenting to the partial assignment and assumption of a fee in-lieu of tax and incentive agreement from PPT Real Estate Enterprises, L.P. to Stag Industrial Holdings, LLC; and other related matters – Deferred
 - d. Authorizing, approving, ratifying and consenting to the partial assignment and assumption of an infrastructure credit and incentive agreement from Pure Power Technologies, Inc. to PPT Real Estate Enterprises, L.P.; authorizing, approving, ratifying and consenting to the partial assignment and assumption of an infrastructure credit and incentive agreement from PPT Real Estate Enterprises, L.P. to Stag Industrial Holdings, LLC; and other related matters – Deferred
19. **REPORT OF THE DETENTION CENTER AD HOC COMMITTEE** – The report was deferred until after Executive Session.
 20. **REPORT OF THE CORONAVIRUS AD HOC COMMITTEE**

- a. Sheriff's Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant, CESH – Mr. Brown stated the committee recommended to allow the Sheriff's Department to apply for, and receive grant funding, which would allow the Sheriff to pay for various supplies and personnel related to COVID-19 Response.

In Favor: Malinowski, Terracio, Newton, McBride, Myers, Livingston, Jackson, Walker, Manning and Dickerson

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Walker moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to reconsider this item.

Opposed: Malinowski, Terracio, Newton, McBride, Myers, Livingston, Jackson, Walker, Manning and Dickerson

The motion for reconsideration failed.

- b. Critical Needs Areas – Mr. Brown stated there was a discussion about a waiver of certain late payments. Ms. Myers requested staff to come back with a list of specific items staff was referencing. The specific list is as follows: Hospitality Tax, Tourism Fees and Business License Fees.

The committee recommended to approve the waiver of these fees.

Ms. McBride stated the committee also recommended a time period of 60 days.

Ms. Myers stated all of the items staff enumerated relate to business fees, and none that relate to individual fee payments (i.e. sewer and water). She inquired if those fees are already waived, or if there is something unique to those payments.

Mr. Brown stated, for purpose of clarity, a waiver of late payments for water and sewer, and other individual payments, are not being penalized.

Ms. Myers requested that Mr. Brown would enumerate which fees that late fees will be waived on.

Mr. Brown responded water and sewer late fees will be waived.

Ms. Newton stated, she would hope, whatever revenue we receive from these late payments that amount goes towards that list, so we can continue planning for how this is going to impact our budget.

Mr. Manning stated, at our last meeting, we voted to do a bridge where Hospitality Tax would not be due until June 20th. He inquired, if us waiving these fees is a technical thing we have to do to be in line with the fact that we determined the tax would not be due until June 20th.

Mr. Brown stated there will be no penalty for late payment of those, as well, so it is a combination of issues. One is a delayed time for payment. The second part is, there is no penalty if those are paid late, within a specified period of time.

Mr. Manning stated, for clarification, it only applies to the June 20th date.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Manning stated, for clarification, we are saying, even though they have collected it, and they are keeping it, rather than giving it to us, so that helps them bridge through limping along times. Then, they collect it for another month, and keep it. When it is due on June 20th, and they do not pay it for another 59 days, there would not be a penalty.

Mr. Brown responded it would not be an additional 59 days beyond the June 20th date. Immediately following the next time they are due, if they do not pay them on that date, the initial timeframe would not require a penalty be paid until Council chose differently.

In Favor: Malinowski, Terracio, Newton, McBride, Myers, Livingston, Jackson, Walker and Dickerson

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to reconsider this item.

Opposed: Malinowski, Terracio, Newton, McBride, Myers, Livingston, Jackson, Walker and Dickerson
The motion for reconsideration failed.

Ms. McBride stated, at the last Council meeting, we discussed another area, and the exact allocation of \$500,000. Staff was supposed to develop a criteria and bring it back.

Mr. Brown stated we are going to have funding available to meet those needs, to a certain degree. We did not set a solid amount, and we did not determine what source those funds would come from. In the last few days, they receive additional information related to some areas of our source funds, specifically CDBG, which can be utilized for the purpose of responding to businesses. He stated we are going to have funding available to tackle the issue. There will be additional details in the coming days.

Ms. McBride stated she did not want to paralyze the movement of staff by the Council continuing to analyze all of these sources. Therefore, the public is not getting the services/funding they need. If we are still in deliberation and planning that means you cannot put this out to the public.

Mr. Brown stated, if you wanted to have an amount, staff originally recommended \$500,000.

Ms. McBride stated what she wants them to be able to do is move forward, and not have to wait on Council. If we need to give them an amount, then let's do it, but if they can move forward without Council identifying a specific amount that is fine.

Mr. Livingston stated, for clarification, we did not agree on an amount.

Ms. McBride responded that we did not for one area. We kept going back and forth, in terms of one particular area.

Mr. Livingston inquired if staff has a recommendation, in terms of what we can do to move forward.

Mr. Brown stated the recommendation was for \$500,000 for that particular area.

Mr. Livingston stated, for clarification, Mr. Brown is saying there are available funds from CDBG to do that.

Mr. Brown responded in the affirmative.

Ms. McBride moved, seconded by Ms. Dickerson, to approve \$500,000 for the staff to move forward with the funding for small businesses, and other areas they have identified.

Ms. Dickerson requested a friendly amendment to approve up to \$500,000, and, if it exceeds that amount, staff will come back to Council.

Mr. Malinowski stated he is getting confused because he was told, when Mr. Brown was giving us notes from his list, there was a specific list he was providing us regarding waiving of penalties for H-Tax, tourism fees, business licenses fees, and water and sewer. All of a sudden we are talking about putting \$400,000 - \$500,000 in a pot for small businesses.

Mr. Livingston responded that was one of the items listed on the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee agenda for discussion.

Mr. Malinowski stated the Federal Government has a multi-million dollar plan in place to help virtually every small business out there, so he does not understand what kind of assistance the County is giving these businesses.

Ms. McBride responded this assistance is a stop gap. The Federal government is taking a while to get these funds out. We wanted to do something, as soon as possible, to help the small businesses in

Richland County. This was supposed to be on a fast track. We do not know how long the Federal government will take.

Mr. Malinowski stated no one has told him which small businesses we are trying to help, who can make application, the maximum amount each small business can get, and can you get the funding if you are just a small business, or do you have to be on the essential list of businesses? To him, there is a lot of questions that has not been answered.

Ms. McBride stated staff has already developed much of the criteria, and we need to move forward.

Mr. Malinowski stated it seems like we should have had all of that information in the agenda packet.

Ms. Kennedy stated, for clarification, the County is giving them money, and then the Federal government, so they will be receiving funds twice.

Mr. Livingston stated the Federal government's definition of a business is 500 or less individuals. The committee was talking about helping those "mom or pop" stores that may to fall through the cracks.

Mr. Manning stated he was thinking these were going to be small businesses, in our County, which did not qualify for the Federal funding, and for some reason fell through the cracks. If that is the case, they would not get paid twice because if they qualified for the Federal funding, they would not qualify for the County's funding.

Ms. McBride stated the Federal government funds are loans, which may be forgiven. This is not a loan. This is to help them hold on to their rental facilities.

In Favor: Terracio, Newton, McBride, Myers, Livingston, Jackson, Walker, Manning and Dickerson

Opposed: Malinowski

The vote was in favor.

Ms. Dickerson moved, seconded by Ms. Myers, to reconsider this item.

In Favor: Malinowski

Opposed: Terracio, Newton, McBride, Myers, Livingston, Jackson, Walker and Dickerson

The motion for reconsideration failed.

21. OTHER ITEMS

- a. Mitigation Bank Credit Sales – City of Sumter, Shot Pouch Greenway – Mr. Epps stated we are definitely breaking even with the sale of the mitigation credits, and all of the proceeds from those credits are being returned to the Transportation Penny Program.

Mr. Brown stated staff's recommendation is to approve the sale of these mitigation credits.

Mr. Malinowski stated, while Mr. Epps says we are breaking even, the briefing document says we will be adding \$122,000 to the Transportation Penny Fund.

Mr. Epps responded that is correct.