

MINUTES

The Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC, Regular Meeting, held at 200 Commerce Street, Spartanburg, SC, May 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the agenda were forwarded to the following news media: Spartanburg Herald-Journal, The Spartan Weekly, Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, Hometown News, WSPA-TV 7, WYFF-TV 4, WLOS-TV 13, WHNS Fox Carolina, WORD News Radio, WOLT-FM Radio, Tribune Times, and the Times Examiner.

Commissioners present were Ms. Viney, Mr. Littlejohn, and Mr. Montgomery. No one was absent.

The meeting was opened with the following statement:

This is a regular meeting of The Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC. Written notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting, along with the agenda, has been posted in the lobby and on the Spartanburg Water website, and copies forwarded to local and nearby news media, at least 24 hours prior to this meeting.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Montgomery made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property as permitted under FOIA 30-4-70(a). The Executive Session will be attended by the Commissioners as well as Guy Boyle, Chief Executive Officer, Robert Walden, Chief Operating Officer, and Brad Love, Attorney for Spartanburg Water. Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Viney moved and Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion to come out of Executive Session at 4:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

2. ACTION ITEM FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Montgomery stated that the Chair would entertain a motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contractual negotiations and execute on behalf of Spartanburg Water with SJWD (Startex-Jackson-Wellford-Duncan) and would also like to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations to transfer and acquire real estate.

Mr. Littlejohn moved and Ms. Viney seconded the motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into contractual negotiations and execute on behalf of Spartanburg Water with SJWD (Startex-Jackson-Wellford-Duncan) and would also like to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into negotiations to transfer and acquire real estate. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2024 AND BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2024

Mr. Littlejohn moved and Ms. Viney seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

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Cam Cole presented a financial summary of SWS expenditures and revenues for the ten-month period ending April 30, 2024. An explanation was provided for the favorable and unfavorable budget variances.

The above was provided as information to the Commission.

5. STORAGE BUILDING AT R.B. SIMMS

Bids were received on May 2, 2024, for the site preparation, construction, concrete, and electrical contracting services for a storage building at the R.B. Simms DWT facility.

The request for bid was advertised in the local media, listed on the Spartanburg Water Website, and forwarded to prospective contractors. Spartanburg Water received responses from three bidders.

A cost tabulation of the responses is listed below.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BID</u>
Cornerstone Constructors LLC Spartanburg, SC	\$183,399
Sossamon Construction Co., Inc. Gaffney, SC	\$207,405
Harper General Contractors, Inc. Greenville, SC	\$312,060

Management recommended the bid be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, Cornerstone Constructors LLC in the amount of \$183,399.

Funding will be provided through the SWS capital account.

Ken Tuck provided the Commission with an overview of the agenda item for the Storage Building at R.B. Simms. Mr. Tuck noted that this building would provide needed storage for supplies and sensitive electrical components that require climate control.

Ms. Viney moved and Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Cornerstone Constructors, LLC. The motion passed unanimously.

6. WATER QUALITY REPORT

Ken Tuck provided the Commission with an update on Water Quality.

Reservoir #1 Intake Structure: Geosmin – 48 ppt raw and 4.6 less than detect at point of entry. MIB – is less than detect raw and less than detect at point of entry. There have been no taste and odor complaints in April and May.

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Mr. Tuck stated that despite the high numbers, the AO System is providing a greater than 90% reduction of Geosmin. The previous carbon system at best efficiency would have only removed 40-60%, which would have resulted in 20-30ppt and likely resulted in taste and odor complaints.

Mr. Littlejohn asked how many Spartanburg Water personnel does it take to run the AO system. Mr. Tuck stated there are four shifts of at least 2-3 operators. Mr. Tuck stated that every operator has received comprehensive training on the system.

Mr. Tuck provided an update to the Commission on the aquatic plant nuisance species management strategy for species such as bladderwort residing within the ecosystem. Watershed staff track and identify potential areas of concern. Staff provide feedback and use sonar technology and GIS mapping to record data.

Management is also in communication with SCDNR and participates in the South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Plan. On April 30, SCDNR conducted a maintenance/mortality stocking of sterile Triploid Grass Carp in Lake Bowen and Municipal Reservoir #1, as well as a first time stocking in an isolated area of Lake Blalock as specified in the Annual South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Plan. A total of 20 fish were released into Reservoir #1, 60 fish were released into Lake Bowen, 20 fish were released into Lake Blalock at a backwaters area off Skyline Drive. Internal planning and adaptive management includes ongoing aquatic nuisance species management strategies and quarterly updates related to the watershed in efforts to protect public health and the environment.

The above was provided as information to the Commission.

7. PARTICIPATION PROJECT CONSISTENT WITH OUTSIDE CITY WATER MAIN EXTENSION POLICY – 100 MALIBU DRIVE

Recently management received a request from a property owner on Malibu Drive, northeast of Asheville Highway and south of I-85 Business, concerning the possibility of obtaining water service.

The water main extension consists of approximately 625 linear feet of 6-inch water main and is consistent with the SWS Water Main Extension Policy. It will be billed at the outside city rate plus surcharge until such time as the full local share is recovered.

The water main extension will include the replacement of approximately 150 linear feet of 1 ½-inch galvanized line with an 8-inch line for future growth, and an additional 130 linear feet of an 8-inch line for water system redundancy. This increased the original project estimate from \$34,400 to \$115,000. The property owner's participation cost is still based on the original estimate of \$34,400 and not the future growth estimate.

Kevin Smith, Division Lead Engineer, provided the Commission with an overview of the request from the property owner on Malibu Drive, northeast of Asheville Highway and south of I-85 Business, concerning the possibility of obtaining water service.

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Ms. Viney moved and Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion to approve management’s recommendation to approve the outside city water main extension for 100 Malibu Drive. The motion passed unanimously.

8. AGREEMENTS EXECUTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

The following agreements have been executed on behalf of the Commission by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2023.

A. Outside City Private Fire Service Agreements

(1) Children’s Courtyard

Children’s Courtyard, located at 851 Double Bridge Road, in Boiling Springs, wishes to connect a 6-inch water line to the Commission’s 8-inch water line along Double Bridge Road to serve a private fire protection system for the above-mentioned childcare facility. KTJ 412, LLC wishes to enter into an agreement for this service.

Annual Stand-by Revenue - \$223.16

(2) LO Alliance Creature Comforts Vet Care

Creature Comforts Vet Care, located at 2065 SC Highway 292 in Inman, wishes to connect a 6-inch water line to the Commission’s 12-inch water line along SC Highway 292 to serve one private hydrant for the above-mentioned veterinarian center. LO Alliance Creature Comforts, LLC wishes to enter into an agreement for this service.

Annual Stand-by Revenue - \$446.32

(3) New Cut Road Apartments

New Cut Road Apartments, located at 2379 New Cut Road in Spartanburg, wishes to connect a 6-inch water line to the Commission’s 16-inch water line along New Cut Road to serve two private hydrants for the above-mentioned apartment complex. IGPC Plus Properties, LLC wishes to enter into an agreement for this service.

Annual Stand-by Revenue - \$669.48

9. PERMITS ISSUED AT THE RESERVOIR

Applications have been submitted and all fees have been paid on the following Lake Agreements, associated with new construction and replacement.

- (1) Troy Blanton**, desires to construct a dock, boat lift, and hard pathway on Lake Blalock.

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- (2) **Don L. Lester and Janet F. Lester**, desire to construct a hard pathway on Lake Bowen.
- (3) **Mitchell J. Randolph**, desires to replace a dock on Lake Blalock.
- (4) **Joel DeMeza and Cher Blevins DeMeza**, desire to replace a dock on Lake Blalock.
- (5) **Chris Ledford and Angie Ledford**, desire to replace a dock on Lake Blalock.
- (6) **John D. Shorter and Michelle L. Shorter**, desire to construct a hard pathway on Lake Bowen.

Applications have been submitted and all fees have been paid on the following Lake Agreements, associated with acknowledgement of ownership.

- (1) **Shire Farms, LLC**, dock replacement and hard pathway on Lake Blalock.
- (2) **David A. Hart and Beverly M. Nichols**, dock replacement on Lake Blalock.
- (3) **Lee T. Scarborough and Cheryl C. Scarborough**, dock replacement on Lake Bowen.
- (4) **Robert Schweitzer and Seana Schweitzer**, dock replacement and hared pathway on Lake Blalock.
- (5) **Dwight G. Smith**, dock replacement on Lake Bowen.
- (6) **Stephen P. Wassinger and Patricia A. Wassinger**, dock replacement on Lake Bowen.

10. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT**

- A. Mr. Boyle noted that legislation regarding horsepower and safety on Lake Bowen passed. Legislation regarding duck hunting on Lake Blalock also passed.
- B. Mr. Boyle reminded the Commission that Water Quality reports are complete and available online.
- C. Mr. Boyle informed the Commission about the update on the Lead and Copper Rule and noted that SWS is well ahead of the EPA deadline of October 2024.
- D. Mr. Boyle stated that there are a few variance requests that will be on the upcoming agenda.

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Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Camlyn M. Cole
Secretary-Treasurer

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The Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC, Budget Work Session Meeting, held at 200 Commerce Street, Spartanburg, SC, May 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

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Commissioners present were Ms. Viney, Mr. Littlejohn, and Mr. Montgomery. No one was absent.

The meeting was opened with the following statement:

This is a budget work session meeting of The Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC. Written notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting, along with the agenda, has been posted in the lobby and on the Spartanburg Water website, and copies forwarded to local and nearby news media, at least 24 hours prior to this meeting.

This work session was held to discuss the proposed FY 2024-2025 budget.

Camlyn M. Cole
Secretary-Treasurer

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