

Minutes
Public Works Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
5:30pm

The Public Works Committee met on the above date at 5:30pm, at the Heckle Complex, Large Conference Room, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC, with the following members present; Chair, William "Bump" Roddey; Council member Tommy Adkins and Council member Debi Cloninger. Also present were, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, Public Works Director, Eric Rekitt; Public Works Assistant Director, Ryan Blancke, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, William "Bump" Roddey

Summary and Actions:

1. The Committee also held a discussion regarding the Recycling Center and the collection of large/bulky items and Municipal Solid Waste (MSW). Staff reported the following collection and recycling large and bulky material collection challenges:
 - a. County growth has led to an increase use of centers;
 - b. Staff experiencing significant challenges in the collection and transport of materials; particularly the large and bulky items;
 - c. Large and bulky items account for approximately 1/3 of the waste collected and are a significant burden due to storage, transport, handling, and disposal;
 - d. Large and bulky boxes weigh an average of 1.5 tons as opposed to MSW boxes weighing an average of 9 tons resulting in more box pulls for less weight;
 - e. Continued acceptance of these materials at the centers will likely result in the request for additional resources; including trucks, staff, equipment, and capital expansion projects of many of the centers;
 - f. Increases in millage in the special revenue fund is limited.
2. Collection & Recycling large and bulky options:
 - a. Reduce the number of centers;
 - b. Recommend limiting the size of large and bulky items collected at the centers to be able to fit in a compactor box (i.e. office chair or smaller)
3. Disposal Challenges:
 - a. Current ordinance allows for residents to bring 2,000lbs/month at no cost
 - i. Frequent abuse from contractors and time consuming for scale house staff to process.
4. Disposal Recommendations:
 - a. Reduce the weight of material allowed free at the landfill.

The committee members would like the following information from staff:

- Recommendations to amend the ordinance regarding enforcement of litter violations and the addition of litter control officers in Public Works

- Additional information regarding fines and poundage allowed at the landfill;
- Explore costs of an additional scale at the landfill entrance to allow commercial vehicles to enter with a barcode reader

There will be another committee meeting to discuss further recommendations once this information has been compiled.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Debi Cloninger and seconded by Council member Tommy Adkins. Meeting Adjourned