

Minutes
Public Works Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
4:30pm

The Public Works Committee met on the above date at 4:30pm, at the Heckle Complex, Large Conference Room, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC, with the following members present; Chair, William "Bump" Roddey; Council member Brandon Guffey and Council member Tom Audette. Also present were County Manager, David Hudspeth, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, County Attorney Michael Kendree, Public Works Director, Eric Rekitt; Public Works Assistant Director, Ryan Blancke, Assistant County Engineer, Ron Pompey, Utility Program Manager, Barry McKinnon, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

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

Summary and Actions:

1. Management and staff explained that in 2007, water supply delivered from the City of Rock Hill through a 24-inch water line to Fort Mill and distributed to the City of Tega Cay, York County, and the Riverview Water District were insufficient due to the single supply line of limited capacity from Rock Hill. In 2008, Wiedeman & Singleton of South Carolina, Inc. was commissioned to evaluate options for increasing the water service to the Town of Fort Mill, York County and City of Tega Cay. Management recommended that Council approve the conveyance of 4,468 linear feet of piping, four fire hydrants, master meter assembly, and pressure-sustaining valve to the City of Rock Hill for operations and maintenance.

Management also explained that the City of Rock Hill is prepared to accept the water line and understand that they would become responsible for the operations and maintenance associated with it.

The Committee members were agreeable to the recommendation by Management.

2. The Committee also held a discussion regarding the Recycling Center and the collection of large/bulky items and MSW. Staff explained that in FY 2021, large and bulky items accounted for 32.46% of the items that were brought to the collection and recycling centers to be disposed of while MSW made up only 15.34%. Four of those centers, Baxter, Fort Mill East, Lesslie and Porter Road accounted for 47% of large and bulky collected by Solid Waste Collection and Recycling. Also, in FY 2021, YC Solid Waste Collection & Recycling paid \$292,013.36 in disposal cost and \$228,290 in fuel and labor cost due to the collection of large and bulky material, >\$500,000 in annual costs for the collection of large and bulky items.

Mr. Rekitt stated that 13 of the 16 collection and recycling centers do not have any space available to add more large and bulky boxes without major renovations to the centers. In

April 2020, the Department initiated a load limit policy, limiting the allowable material delivered to one 4'x6' pick-up load or equivalent.

Since 2018, the Department has retrofit 11 of 16 centers with compactor units for the collection of mixed recycling. This has decreased the number of box pulls since 2018 by >1,000 annually.

Staff and Management explained that this topic would continue to be addressed each budget year in order to explore different options to help alleviate the loss of revenue.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Brandon Guffey. Meeting Adjourned