



GreenvilleWater

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS
407 West Broad Street
Commission Room, Level Two
Greenville, South Carolina
July 3, 2018
8:15 a.m.**

Commissioners of Public Works in attendance:

Chairman Phillip A. Kilgore, Vice-Chairman James W. Bannister, Debra M. Sofield and George Fletcher. Absent: Mayor Knox H. White. A quorum was present.

Greenville Water Staff in attendance:

Chief Executive Officer David H. Bereskin, Chief Financial Officer Phil Robey, Chief Operations Officer Rebecca West, Controller Jondia Berry, Director of Engineering Michael Sharpless, Manager of Field Operations Wayne Benson, I.T. Director Joe Beineke, Water Resources Director Rick Pfleiderer, Communications Manager Olivia Sloan, Facilities Maintenance Fleet Manager Allen White, and Commission Attorney David Ward.

The Regular Meeting of the Commissioners of Public Works was called to order at 8:15 a.m. by Chairman Kilgore.

1. WELCOME

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were presented at this time.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Kilgore listed the items of the Consent Agenda which were the meeting minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting June 5, 2018, the Water Resources Report, the Financial Update, New Development, and New Annexation Covenants. There being no questions or comments regarding the consent agenda, the items were deemed approved.

4. SIGNAGE AND SPONSORSHIP OF UNITY PARK WATER FEATURE

Chairman Kilgore welcomed Chief Executive Officer David Bereskin to present information regarding The City of Greenville's future Unity Park. Mr. Bereskin shared that Mayor White gives Greenville Water the credit for being the impetus to move the park along by moving from the Mayberry Street facility to the consolidated campus on the corner of W. Washington Street and W. Broad Street. This gave The City the ability to acquire land for a beautiful park for everyone to enjoy. In the park there will be a splash park feature that will provide enjoyment for children and young adults. This will be a great opportunity for Greenville Water to give back to the community and to tell the story of Greenville Water. Mr. Bereskin requested approval to move forward with the splash park sponsorship and to be allowed to negotiate signage. Commissioners agreed the idea is terrific. Chairman Kilgore suggested having the Greenville Water water-drop logo in the middle of the water park as part of the tile or base design. Commissioner Sofield moved, seconded by Commissioner Bannister, to approve Mr. Bereskin's recommendation regarding The City of Greenville's Unity Park water

feature sponsorship and signage as provided in the Commission agenda package. The motion carried unanimously.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Chairman Kilgore invited Staff to present the latest strategic plan update. Chief Operations Officer Rebecca West announced the Commission would be updated on three items of the strategic plan. The items reviewed by various staff members were the Inlet Service Replacement Plan, Improvement Opportunities for Customer Engagement, and Improved GIS Asset Data Quality and Information.

6. CIP UPDATE

Chairman Kilgore introduced Director of Engineering Michael Sharpless to present an update on the Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Sharpless explained there are twenty three projects in the 2018 program and he reviewed 18 of those projects. The projects included in the review were the North Saluda Intake Rehabilitation, New Storage Tank – Hillandale, North Saluda Treating Station Rehabilitation, SCADA Systems Upgrades, Automatic Outlet Valves, Solar Panels Central Campus, Adkins Fiber Optic Project, Green Avenue Valve Replacement, Wham Tank Repainting Project, Adkins Rehab & Painting, Residuals Removal from Adkins and Stovall, Taste and Odor Study, Large Flow Control Valve Monitoring, Arc Flash Compliance/Study, Rutherford Road Area Pressure Improvements, Adkins MCC 1 and 2 Replacement, Comprehensive Asset Management Program, and Administrative Building Renovations.

7. WATERSHED UPDATE

Chairman Kilgore welcomed Watersheds Manager Henry Poole to provide an update on the watersheds. Mr. Poole shared improvements made to feral hog management, reinstallation of the salamander plot program, the stream crossing project and a watershed watch list. The salamander plot program was delayed due to the Pinnacle Mountain fire. Plots were burned and had to be reinstalled. Ms. West requested Mr. Poole explain the significance of salamanders. He explained the terrestrial salamanders are a good indicator of forest health. These salamanders (Plethodontid) absorb things through their skin. If there is something wrong with the environment the salamander population will decline.

8. AUDIT RESPONSE

Chief Financial Officer Phil Robey presented Greene Finney, LLP's recommendations following the 2017 financial audit. The audit resulted in Greenville Water receiving an unqualified opinion or "clean" audit report. These recommendations are not based on any audit findings or weaknesses but are rather just suggestions and ideas to potentially help Greenville Water continue to get better, whether it be improving internal controls or becoming more efficient and/or effective. Mr. Robey reviewed the recommendations and actions taken by Greenville Water as provided in the Commission agenda package.

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chairman Kilgore welcomed Legislative Liaison Bob Knight to provide an update on the latest Legislative activities in Columbia. Mr. Knight informed the Commission the legislative session adjourned sine die last week and the budget passed at the last moment. Two items of interest were the plastic pipe proviso that fell out at the end of the budget and the use of Federal funds for utility relocation remained in the Conference Committee report.

10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

Mr. Bereskin reviewed upcoming events for Commissioner's attention and had Communications Manager Olivia Sloan present details for Greenville Water's Centennial Celebration scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Mr. Bereskin is working with the Department of Natural Resource and fifteen or sixteen other stakeholders on the State Water Planning Process developing rules and guide lines for the water basins. The Charter was adopted in the last meeting and a facilitator was decided upon.

Mr. Bereskin recommended moving to Executive Session to discuss contractual matters with several different entities. Commissioner Fletcher moved, seconded by Commissioner Sofield, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters. The motion carried unanimously.

(Executive Session)

Commissioner Fletcher moved, seconded by Commissioner Sofield, to go out of Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

No comments presented at this time.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.



Phillip A. Kilgore, Chairman



Kimberly J. Haulter, Executive Assistant