



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 7, 2024**

1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Act Requirements:

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 9:15 a.m. on November 7, 2024 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Justin Novak (Chair) and Gary Visser. Staff members present were Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress, Joe Henderson, and Bridget Welch. There were no (0) members of the public and no (0) members of the media present.

Chair Justin Novak called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

2. Public Comment

3. Communications/Additional Items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress

- a. Construction updates as to the Lift Stations and WWTP

4. Discussion/Motions:

- a. Approval of the Minutes from the September 26, 2024 Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Chair Novak, to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2024 Committee Meeting, passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion of the South Carolina Wastewater Surveillance Program

Greg Gress introduced Christy Greenwood.

- c. Presentation by Christy Greenwood and Heidi Schmidt for the SC Department of Public Health Regarding Wastewater Surveillance Program

Ms. Greenwood first reviewed the recent splint DHEC went through and stated her department, the Wastewater Program is on the Public Health side, which is not regulatory. She gave background on the initiative and program and how and where it works in South Carolina.

There are currently 21 sites in South Carolina, and they are also recruiting for more sites. Much of the testing is focused on getting data on various things like rabies, measles outbreaks, and most recently, Covid cases. They will expand to flu and norovirus soon. The data is reported to the CDC and can be a benefit to the communities that participate. Ms. Greenwood explained what would be expected for the Town's Water & Sewer Department, should they choose to participate. Participating is free of charge as the Program covers all costs for collection, testing, shipping, etc. Town staff would need to put roughly a liter of water samples from the influent auto sampler at least once a week. She then took questions from the Committee. The Committee will discuss it further once they get more information from DHEC and will make a decision.

d. Plan for Town Deep Water Wells

There are no updates at this time.

e. Discussion FY 2023-2027 CIP Plan and Funding for AMI Meters (Greg Gress Recommendations)

There will be updates at the next meeting.

5. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. Written Cost Recovery Program
- b. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction
- c. Pump/Lift Stations
 - i. Protection using rip-rap
- d. W & S Ordinance clean-up
- e. Update Capital Improvement Plan

6. Set the date for the next W&S Committee Meeting

Meetings will now be held every six weeks and at 9:15 a.m.

- a. The next Sullivan's Island W&S Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 9:15 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Chair Novak, to adjourn the Water and Sewer Committee meeting at 9:52 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch