



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 25, 2024**

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

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 8:45 a.m. on January 25, 2024 at Town Hall, all requirements of the Freedom of Information Act having been satisfied. Present were Council Committee members Justin Novak (Chair), Jody Latham, and Gary Visser. Staff members present were Town Administrator Andy Benke, Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress, Jason Blanton, Joe Henderson, and Bridget Welch. There was one (1) member of the public and no (0) members of the media present.

Chair Justin Novak called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m., and stated the press and public were duly notified pursuant to State Law.

2. Public Comment - None

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

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

Nothing new to report, still waiting for Seamon & Whitesides to get a permit for dredging at Lift Station 1.

4. Discussion/Motions:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the December 7, 2023 Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Ms. Latham, to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2023 Committee Meeting, passed unanimously.

- b. Rates discussion and consideration of a 4th tier

The Committee will not make a decision until they receive some additional information from Raftelis. Chair Novak would like to see information on how the Town's rate tiering compares to other communities serviced by Charleston Water System as well as knowing the cost of the

additional 250,000 gallons of water. Mr. Gress will resend a response from CWS to the Committee members. Mr. Visser would also like to see more examples of options that other communities have used to deal with similar issues. Chair Novak suggested Committee members come up with a list of questions for Raftelis and consider a fourth presentation.

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

5. Review of Active and Pending Projects:

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Retrofit
 - i. Screening of the WWTP
- b. CWS contract revisions
- c. Written Cost Recovery Program
- d. Private Sewer Lateral Policy for I&I Reduction
- e. Pump/Lift Stations
 - i. Protection using rip-rap
- f. W & S Ordinance clean-up
- g. Update Capital Improvement Plan

Nothing new to report, AMI meters are on hold for now.

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

- a. The next Sullivan's Island W&S Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 8:45 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Ms. Latham, to adjourn the Water and Sewer Committee meeting at 8:55 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bridget Welch