



**Town of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina
Water and Sewer Committee of Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 19, 2024**

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

The Water and Sewer Committee of Council met at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, December 19, 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 Rebecca Fanning, Water and Sewer Manager Greg Gress, 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 9:36 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 November 7, 2024 Committee Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Visser, seconded by Chair Novak, to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2024 Committee Meeting, passed 2-0 with Councilmember Latham abstaining.

- b. Letter from CWS Re: EPA Regulation to Significantly Impact Water Rates

Mr. Gress reviewed the letter received from Charleston Water System (CWS), which he stated was also discussed during contract negotiations earlier. With the new lowered limits from the EPA, new infrastructure must be built to accommodate treatment and will cost millions of dollars. Pending when these changes come into effect, there may be another increase in rates to cover the Town's portion of the costs. The revised FY 2025 budget has these costs built in and will likely continue into FY 2026. New rates must be passed by a Resolution and approved by Council. There was discussion about how to possibly budget for these costs and it was suggested

to also have this discussion with the Finance Committee. There was also discussion about proceeding with discussions with CWS.

- c. Discussion of the South Carolina Wastewater Surveillance Program

Mr. Gress stated the program has requested their GIS data, which Committee members and the Department does not think is necessary. The program's updated proposal will be discussed at a future meeting.

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

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

Mr. Gress stated he would review the plans, have it discussed with the Committee and hopefully moved to the Planning Commission in the near future.

- 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, January 30, 2025 at 9:15 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion was made by Ms. Latham, seconded by Mr. Visser, to adjourn the Water and Sewer Committee meeting at 9:57 a.m., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Bridget Welch