

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on April 13, 2009, in the Conference Room of the District Offices, 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members of the Commission: June Waring, Chair, who presided; Donald Hollingsworth, Inez BrownCrouch, Eugene Platt, Rod Welch and Gene Woodall.

Absent from the meeting was the following member of the Commission: Karen Clark Thompson.

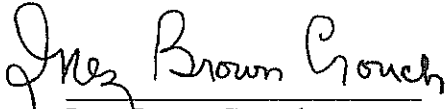
Also present were: Robert Wise, District Manager; Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Assistant and Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief.

Ms. Waring called the meeting to order.

Chaplain of the day, Ms. Waring, led the invocation followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

1. The Freedom of Information Act – In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting and its agenda were provided to all news media and persons requesting notification.
2. Roll was called.
3. Oral and Written Petitions – none.
4. Approval of Minutes
  - A. **Mr. Platt moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing meeting of March 23, 2009, seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - B. **Ms. BrownCrouch moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting of March 23, 2009, as amended, seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.**
5. Bid Proposal for Auditing Services
  - A. Mr. Wise presented the summary of bids (provided) to the Commission and asked the Commission to move for acceptance of one of the five bidders. The Commission reviewed the bids. **Mr. Hollingsworth moved to accept Jimmy E. Needham, CPA's proposal for auditing services (FY2009-2011), seconded by Mr. Welch. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Welch requested that future information from Mr. Needham be presented in more of a graphical format. Ms. BrownCrouch commended the staff for the bid information provided.
6. Committee Reports
  - A. Mr. Platt reported on BCD Council of Governments meeting of April 6, 2009. Discussion followed.
7. Unfinished Business
  - A. Mr. Wise reported that he and Ms. Gladden met with Mayor Clark and Mr. Wilson regarding the Dills Bluff property. Mr. Wise stated that Mayor Clark expressed that she would like to see the Town of James Island and the District under one roof, either agency could own the property and lease from the other and that the Town has a 5 year lease option on their property with a little over 3 years left on it and they would want to honor their current lease. Ms. Waring explained that the District would have completely separate functions in the office complex. Discussion followed.
  - B. Ms. Waring asked Mr. Wise if there was anything that the District could possibly get out of the stimulus package. Mr. Wise stated that staff has communicated with the State and the County and is pursuing its options.

- 8. New Business
  - A. Mr. Platt stated that Town Council voted unanimously not to support the extension of I526 and offered to attend its next meeting to convey the Commission’s appreciation.
- 9. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles
  - A. Ms. Waring stated that the Seashore Farmers’ Lodge 767 has inquired about a sewer donation request. Discussion followed. Ms. Waring suggested that Mr. Wise respond to the request based on what the District has done in the past, which would be not to grant any free services, although it is a very worthwhile organization. Further discussion followed.
  - B. Chief Seabolt explained that the original owner of the ladder truck contacted the Fire Department about buying it back for historical purposes. The Town of James Island sent a letter dated April 2, 2009, to Ms. Waring expressing its interest in obtaining the ladder truck. Further discussion followed. **Mr. Hollingsworth moved to allow the District Manager and Fire Chief to contact the fire department (in Maryland) to set up negotiations to purchase the ladder truck, seconded by Mr. Woodall.** Further discussion followed. **Mr. Platt move to table the aforementioned motion until the next regular meeting.** Ms. Waring asked Mr. Platt to hold his motion. **Mr. Platt withdrew his motion.** Further discussion followed. Mr. Platt asked that the matter be deferred until the next meeting to give the Town an opportunity to address the questions raised. Discussion followed. Mr. Welch asked that the main motion be withdrawn. **Mr. Hollingsworth concurred.** Discussion followed. **Mr. Hollingsworth moved again to allow the District Manager and Fire Chief contact the fire department (in Maryland) to set up negotiations to purchase the ladder truck, seconded by Mr. Woodall.** Discussion followed. Mr. Welch pleaded with Mr. Hollingsworth to withdraw his motion so that they could have a good a conversation about the issue. **Mr. Hollingsworth concurred.** Discussion followed.
- 10. Oral and Written Petitions – none.
- 11. **Mr. Hollingsworth moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Platt. The motion carried unanimously.**
- 12. Ms. Waring adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

  
Inez BrownCrouch  
Secretary

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