

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on October 26, 2009, in the conference room of the District offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

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

Absent from the meeting was the following member of the Commission: Inez BrownCrouch (out of town).

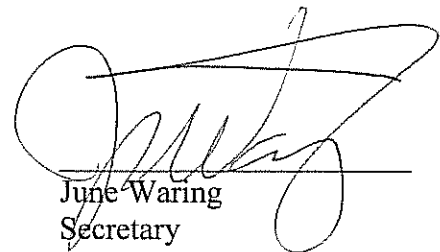
Also present were: Robert Wise, District Manager; Tamara Eberhart, Administrative Assistant and Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief.

Mr. Hollingsworth called the meeting to order.

Pastor Tom Brown (James Island Baptist Church), 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
  - A. Robert Schurmeier, 706 Creekside Drive, asked what it meant when the pump station siren and horn goes off. Mr. Wise explained that it is an additional backup alert to the SCADA system. Mr. Schurmeier asked what would happen to the District's trash if the incinerator is closed and trash is transferred to Dorchester County. Mr. Wise explained that the County, if they decide to, would handle the shipment to Dorchester County. For the District, there is only a couple of miles difference from the incinerator to the Bees Ferry landfill.
4. Approval of Minutes
  - A. **Ms. Waring moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission meeting of October 12, 2009, seconded by Mr. Woodall. The motion carried unanimously.**
5. District Management Report
  - A. Mr. Wise stated that the total budgetary overtime expenditures look very good due to efforts by departments controlling overtime. Revenue and expenses are also in good shape for this time of the year and OSHA recordables are down 100% from last year.
  - B. Mr. Wise reported that he requested an appraisal on Fire Station 2 and Pump Station 34 and the preliminary report indicate that dollars offered by RoadWise for both takings are not appropriate. The appraisal also recommends that the Charleston County pay for Fire Station 2 relocation and further land acquisition in both locations. The appraisals will be sent to Charleston County RoadWise. Discussion followed. Mr. Wise stated that he would keep the Commission apprised.
  - C. Mr. Wise reported that this year's Trident United Way Campaign raised \$1,524. Mr. Wise stated that with the economic situation, he was pleased to at least get this accomplished.
  - D. Mr. Wise gave an update on the Battery Island/Arsburn Road project and stated that the District was awarded its requested County block grant of \$92,500, possibly from stimulus funding. The funds will be used for engineering design and pump station materials; however, the total project cost is \$590,000. Mr. Wise will continue to pursue other sources of funding.

- E. Chief Seabolt reported that this year's Fire Prevention Event went very well and had a large turnout from citizens. Chief Seabolt also reported that the Fire Department was involved in many activities this month. Discussion followed. Mr. Wise reported that 14 other Fire and EMS Departments were represented and over 10 sponsors supported the event. Mr. Wise thanked Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Platt and Ms. Waring for attending the event.
- F. Chief Seabolt gave an update on the replacement ladder truck that will be staffed at Fire Station 1. Discussion followed.
6. Committee Reports
  - A. Mr. Platt voiced concerns, as a private citizen, at the recent school board meeting about Charleston County School District's proposed sales tax to fund new school construction. He stated that he has not prepared a resolution but will await further development.
7. Unfinished Business – none.
8. New Business
  - A. Ms. Clark Thompson stated that October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the anniversary of the marine barracks bombing in Beirut. She also stated that two people from the tri-county area survived the bombing (including her husband) and that Scipio Williams of James Island died in the bombing. Ms. Waring suggested that the Commission observe the anniversary along with Ralph Johnson (VA Memorial Center). Discussion followed.
  - B. Ms. Waring shared that a neighbor pointed out to her that some homes do not have house numbers displayed on them. Mr. Wise stated per Ms. Waring's earlier request that there will be an article in this month's Island Update. Discussion followed about enforcing the County's regulation. Mr. Hollingsworth asked Mr. Welch to approach the Town about the issue and report to the Commission.
9. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles
  - A. Mr. Hollingsworth shared that Ray Graham, former Director of Charleston County EMS, passed away.
10. Oral and Written Petitions
  - A. Robert Schurmeier, 706 Creekside Drive, shared his concern about residents not attending the regular meetings.
11. **Mr. Platt moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Waring. The motion carried unanimously.**
12. Mr. Hollingsworth adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.



June Waring  
Secretary

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