

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District (JIPSD) Commission was held at 7:00 p.m. on January 27, 2020, in the conference room of the JIPSD offices located at 1739 Signal Point Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members: Sandi Engelman, Chair, who presided; Marilyn Clifford, Alan Laughlin, Eugene Platt, Meredith Poston and Kathy Woolsey.

Absent from the meeting was the following member: Inez BrownCrouch (ill).

Also present were: Chip Bruorton, District Attorney; Tim Muller, District Attorney, Rene Dukes, District Labor Attorney; Chris Seabolt, Interim District Manager/Fire Chief; Walter Desmond, Director of Solid Waste Services; David Hoffman, Director of Wastewater Services; James Game, CFO; Lisa Kluczinsky, Human Resources Director; Joanne Tucker, Revenue Collections Manager; Tom Glick, Deputy Fire Chief; Shawn Engelman, Deputy Chief of Administration and JIPSD Safety; Tamara White, Administrative Coordinator; Amanda Spivey, Wastewater Administrative Assistant; David Major, Facilities Maintenance Specialist and Officer Keith Jones, Charleston County Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Engelman called the meeting to order.

Ms. Clifford led the invocation and moment of silence, followed by the pledge to the flag of the United States of America.

1. The Freedom of Information Act Report – 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. The roll was called.
3. Oral and Written Petitions
  - A. Susan Milliken, 762 Ft. Sumter Drive, asked the Commission not to change or amend health benefits for retired and current employees. She also asked that the Use & Rate Ordinance be deferred and expressed concern for the sale of the Dills Bluff property.
  - B. Franny Henty, 615 Flint Street, expressed that firefighters deserve benefits and hoped the Commission would rectify and make things right for them and their families. She went on to ask the Commission to promulgate higher standards for sewer tie ins.
  - C. Anna Zimmerman, Shoreham Road, said that she attended a meeting, hosted by Joe Cunningham's staff, at the James Island library and was told that the PSD requested \$72,000 for work to be done. She went on to ask if Central Park Road was a priority area and why was there no request for funding in the area.
  - D. Keith Mayfield, Daniel Ellis Drive, Twin Rivers Capital Broker, stated that he is representing his client who is looking to purchase vacant land on Dills Bluff Road owned by the District to build a daycare center.
  - E. Nathan Johnson, 862 Seafarer Way, spoke about how changes to the current retirement health plan would cause a conflict and further stated that employees should have input on proposed ideas. He also stated that the Use and Rate Ordinance rates are going up.
4. Consent Agenda
  - A. **Ms. Clifford moved to approve the consent agenda seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**

5. December 2019 JIPSD Management Report
- A. Mr. Seabolt introduced new employee Firefighter Scott Lenz to the Commission and stated five new recruits started recruit school today.
  - B. Mr. Seabolt reported that the report looks good and entertained questions from the Commission.
6. Motion to Adopt Proposed Changes to Use & Rate Ordinance No. 2019-004 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading
- A. **Ms. Woolsey moved to approve proposed changes to the Use & Rate Ordinance No. 2019-004, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 4 to 2 as follows:**

<b>Ms. BrownCrouch</b>		<b>Absent</b>
<b>Ms. Clifford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Engelman</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mr. Laughlin</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Mr. Platt</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Ms. Poston</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Woolsey</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
7. Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing the JIPSD to Apply to the SC Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for Loans from the State Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund
- A. **Ms. Woolsey moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the JIPSD to apply to the SC Water Quality Revolving Fund Authority for loans from the State Water Pollution Control revolving loan fund, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
8. Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing a Petition to Charleston County Council to Approve the Incurring of General Obligation Debt of the District in an Amount Not Exceeding \$8,500,000
- A. **Ms. Clifford moved to adopt the resolution authorizing a petition to Charleston County Council to approve the incurring of general obligation debt of the District in the amount not to exceed \$8,500,000 (eight million five hundred thousand), seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
9. Motion to Award Pump Stations 22 & 34 Upgrade Project to Bishop & Sons Plumbing & Piping, Inc.
- A. **Ms. Clifford moved to award Pump Stations 22 & 34 upgrade project to Bishop & Sons Plumbing & Piping, Inc., seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
10. Motion to Change Solid Waste Construction & Demolition and Bulk Item Pick Up Allowance
- A. **Ms. Woolsey moved change the Solid Waste construction and demolition and bulk item pick up allowance, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
11. Wastewater Sewage Leaching
- A. Ms. Poston spoke about efforts being made to address issues and make the public aware of issues involving flooding and sewage leaching. Discussion followed.
12. Sale of Dills Bluff Property TMS 4251200185
- A. Ms. Poston spoke on the history of proposed plans to use the Dills Bluff property and the current proposal. Ms. Engelman directed Mr. Seabolt to move forward with getting an updated proposal on the property.

13. Committee and JIPSD Representative Reports

- A. Ms. Woolsey reported that BCD Council of Governments really did not have anything on their agenda that had to do with the PSD.
- B. Mr. Laughlin reported that the Fleet Committee will be requesting five new vehicles that have cost the District \$573,000, in repairs over the past few years.
- C. Ms. Engelman reported that the Ways & Means Committee meeting was very informative.
- D. Ms. Clifford reported that the Administrative Committee met and discussed options available for the optional retirement health benefit plan.

14. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles – none

15. Oral and Written Petitions

- A. Susan Milliken, 762 Ft. Sumter Drive, said that according to the drainage basin report, the drainage basin of the highest priority to fix are Central Park Road James Island Creek drainage basin but not Dills Bluff Road. She went on to say that she heard a big speech tonight about not being able to stop and control development and it seems very odd that the sale of land is on the agenda tonight, rumors of Pulte developing more homes, a daycare going into the neighborhood and a Dills Bluff Road drainage study. She expressed there is no transparency and asked the Commission when they would serve all of their constituency.
- B. Anna Zimmerman, Shoreham Road, said that she heard about people who have been sick since Christmas from sewage in their houses and has seen that it is not sustainable. She asked the Commission to draft a letter to the City and Town to get resources together to help citizens.
- C. Nathan Johnson, 862 Seafarer Way, spoke about insurance coverage benefits and the side effects of cutting the great benefits. He also said that he is not in agreement with the sale of the Dills Bluff property because the Solid Waste department is not welcomed there.

16. Executive Session

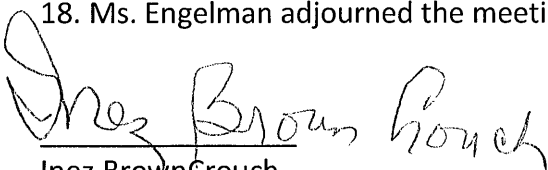
- A. **Ms. Poston moved to enter into executive session to receive legal advice for a personnel matter, seconded by Ms. Clifford. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 1 as follows:**

<b>Ms. BrownCrouch</b>		<b>Absent</b>
<b>Ms. Clifford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Engelman</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Mr. Laughlin</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Mr. Platt</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Ms. Poston</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Woolsey</b>	<b>Aye</b>	

- B. The Commission entered into executive session at 8:22 p.m.
- C. The Commission returned to regular session at 10:01 p.m. No action was taken.

17. **Mr. Platt moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**

18. Ms. Engelman adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m.



Inez BrownCrouch  
 Secretary  
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