

A regular meeting of the James Island Public Service District (JIPSD) Commission was held at 6:30 p.m. on June 28, 2021, at James Island Town Hall located at 1122 Dills Bluff Road, James Island, South Carolina.

Present at the meeting were the following members: Marilyn Clifford, Chair, who presided; Meredith Poston, Kathy Woolsey, Inez BrownCrouch, Brenda Grant, Alan Laughlin, and Susan Milliken.

Also present were: Chip Bruorton, District Attorney; Dave Schaeffer, District Manager; Tamara White, Administrative Services Manager; Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief; Shawn Engelman, Deputy Fire Chief for Administration & JIPSD Safety; David Hoffman, Director of Wastewater Services; Ed Kilcullen, Director of Finance; Steve Aden, Director of Fleet Services; Walter Desmond, Director of Solid Waste Services; Joanne Tucker, Revenue Collections Manager; Jim Driscoll, CPA Consultant; Stephanie Boatwright, Administrative Assistant II; David Major, Facilities Maintenance Specialist; Charles Carmody, CBRE Realtors; Gary Bailey, Love Bailey & Associates, LLC and Austin Hughes, Love Bailey & Associates, LLC.

Ms. Clifford called the meeting to order.

Ms. Clifford led the invocation, 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. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2021-04 FY21 Budget Ordinance Amendment
  - A. Ms. Clifford opened the floor for comments from the public. There were not any public comments.
  - B. Ms. Clifford ended the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.
4. Oral and Written Petitions – none
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. **Ms. Milliken moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
6. June District Management Report
  - A. Mr. Shaeffer reported:
    - All South Carolinians age 16-plus are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccines.
    - I will be on vacation Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tamara for immediate assistance.
    - The next opportunity for District's Adopt-A-Highway participation is Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 8 am. I very much appreciate all of those helping to make our James Island Community look better.
    - A free virtual Ethics training will be at the Town Hall at 5:30 pm on Monday, July 12, 2021. Tamara is setting up the meeting via zoom and teleconference. If you have specific questions on the Annual Statement of Economic Interest or any other filings this meeting is an opportunity to get those questions answered.
    - The Fire Department participated in the viewing and funeral for Battalion Chief Kopf on June 7, 2021, and June 8, 2021.

- The District's legal team with Rosen Hagood has an attorney that specializes in collections to strengthen collection efforts of delinquent sewer bills. More information will follow in future Wastewater Committee Meetings.
- The Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce held an event on Thursday, June 17, 2021, Commissioner Laughlin and I attended. Representative Nancy Mace and Representative Spence Wetmore discussed the \$2.1 billion Federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds and the need for Special Purpose Districts to have access to these funds for infrastructure projects such as sewer. In August, on a Statewide level a meeting on the need for SPD's to have access to these funds and what can be allocated will be discussed. County Council members Jenny Honeycutt, Anna Johnson, And Brantley Moody are aware that SPD's do not have access to the \$2.1 Federal Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds. I also met with the City Council member Carol Jackson and discussed my concerns with the County's plans to privatize its Landfill Operations and Collection of Curbside Recycling Material.
- Handout #1 is an article from May 26, 2021, on the City of Jacksonville having an issue of some residents not receiving garbage and yard debris services for weeks. The City offered employees with a CDL license an opportunity to pick up garbage and receive overtime to combat this issue. The City has been fined \$264,000 since February for not picking up garbage and yard debris. There are a few problems I see in this scenario that is being negotiated behind the scenes with Charleston County. Number one, I can only assume that the County will sell the selected contractor all of the trucks and equipment it currently uses to perform curbside recycling and will become less sensitive to future annual increase to contract. Once that contractor owns all of the equipment, the County will never get back into the business of collecting recyclables. Number two, these private waste hauling companies like Republic as mentioned in the article view the municipal waste haulers like JIPSD as competition. These private waste haulers strive to put the competition out of business. It is important that JIPSD provides the Solid Waste Services for its residents. Think about the response the Solid Waste department had with tropical storms and hurricanes such as Irma and Dorian. If the JIPSD Solid Waste Department is not around to respond to these storms, all the island residents will be left waiting on the Federal contractors to start the cleanup. I would urge the members of County Council to be calling the City of Jacksonville to better understand what they are up against getting the contractors to provide the Solid Waste Service that has been promised to residents. Solid Waste Director Walter Desmond and I were able to speak with City Council Member Carol Jackson on the seen solid waste privatization already taken place and the same colossal private waste hauling companies that are moving to the Southeast. Ms. Jackson is meeting with the mayor this week to discuss the potential for a Public Works Committee and the County privatizing the landfill operations will be discussed. The City's Superintendent of Environmental Services also sees the potential problems with the County privatizing its Landfill Operations and Collection of Curbside Recycling. The Solid Waste Committee will get more details as the City makes progress on establishing a Public Works Committee.
- On Wednesday, June 30, 2021, the South Carolina Special Purpose District will have a webinar exploring ways for SPD's to maximize their general funds. Please let me if you are interested in attending.
- Compass Financial Advisors will be discussing Capital Market Options at the Wastewater Committee Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021.

- Tentatively a meeting is scheduled for the Wastewater Committee on Monday, September 13, 2021, to discuss procedural changes with the District’s Rate and Use Ordinance.
- Monday, October 11, 2021, the first meeting for the Ways and Means Committee will preliminary discuss the FY23 budget and some capital items. Compass Financial Advisors will have a presentation as well.
- The South Carolina Association of Special Purpose Districts is hosting a conference Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in Myrtle Beach. More information will be forthcoming.

7. Ordinance No. 2021-04 FY21 Budget Ordinance Amendment 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading

A. **Ms. Clifford moved to approve and discuss Ordinance No. 2021-04 FY21 Budget Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> and Final reading, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6 to 1 as follows:**

<b>Ms. BrownCrouch</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Clifford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Grant</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mr. Laughlin</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Milliken</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Poston</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Woolsey</b>	<b>Aye</b>	

8. Resolution No. 21-003 Acceptance of Annual Cost Share Agreement with the Town of James Island

A. **Ms. Clifford moved to approve and discuss Resolution No. 21-003 Acceptance of Annual Cost Share Agreement with the Town of James Island, seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:**

<b>Ms. BrownCrouch</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Clifford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Grant</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mr. Laughlin</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Milliken</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Ms. Poston</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Woolsey</b>	<b>Aye</b>	

9. Love Bailey & Associates, LLC Introduction

A. Mr. Schaeffer introduced Gary Bailey and Austin Hughes who will be on site tomorrow Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. The Audit team will return this fall to complete the annual Audit and Financial Statements.

10. Recap of Fire Station #1 Construction Project – Chris Seabolt, Fire Chief

- A. Chief Seabolt discussed the expenditures and financing of the five-year project of Fire Station #1 and the one-year warranty with Southcon Building Group LLC.
- B. Mr. Schaeffer stated that replacing a Fire Station has not been historically a quick process for the District and a preliminary budgeting discussion for FY23 with the Fire Committee should start planning expenditures for the new Fire Station #2.

11. Listing of Dills Bluff Properties - Charlie Carmody, Real Estate Broker, CBRE

A. **Ms. Woolsey moved to list the Dills Bluff Properties with call offers on August 18, 2021, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:**

- Ms. BrownCrouch     Aye**
- Ms. Clifford             Aye**
- Ms. Grant                     Nay**
- Mr. Laughlin             Aye**
- Ms. Milliken                 Nay**
- Ms. Poston                 Aye**
- Ms. Woolsey                 Aye**

12. Engineering Task Order to Proceed with Design Engineering for FY22 Wastewater Projects

- A. Mr. Schaeffer stated that Bob George will be attending the Wastewater Committee Meeting on Monday, July 12, 2021.
- B. **Ms. Milliken moved to approve both Orders, seconded by Ms. Woolsey. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**

13. COVID-19 Vaccines for Employees

A. **Ms. Clifford moved to table the topic of the COVID-19 Vaccines for the Employees indefinitely, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6 to 1 as follows:**

- Ms. BrownCrouch             Nay**
- Ms. Clifford             Aye**
- Ms. Grant             Aye**
- Mr. Laughlin             Aye**
- Ms. Milliken             Aye**
- Ms. Poston             Aye**
- Ms. Woolsey             Aye**

14. Committee and JIPSD Representative Reports - none

15. Correspondence and/or Newspaper Articles - none

16. Oral and Written Petitions – none

17. Executive Session

- A. **Ms. Clifford moved to enter into executive session to discuss the sale of 0.3 Acre on Folly Road and the Personnel Matter, seconded by Ms. Poston. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.**
- B. **The Commission entered into executive session at 7:46 p.m.**
- C. **The Commission returned to regular session at 8:24 p.m. No action was taken.**

18. Purchase and Sale Agreement of 0.3 Acre on Folly Road

A. **Ms. Woolsey moved to execute and ratify the sale of 0.3 Acre on Folly Road, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:**

- Ms. BrownCrouch     Aye**
- Ms. Clifford             Aye**
- Ms. Grant                     Nay**
- Mr. Laughlin             Aye**
- Ms. Milliken                 Nay**
- Ms. Poston                 Aye**
- Ms. Woolsey                 Aye**

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19. Ordinance No. 2021-05 Sale of 0.3 Acre on Folly Road – 1st Reading


A. Mr. Schaeffer read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance No. 2021-05 Sale of 0.3 Acre on Folly Road.

B. **Ms. Woolsey moved to approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement of 0.3 Acre on Folly Road, seconded by Ms. BrownCrouch. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 to 2 as follows:**

<b>Ms. BrownCrouch</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Clifford</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Grant</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Mr. Laughlin</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Milliken</b>		<b>Nay</b>
<b>Ms. Poston</b>	<b>Aye</b>	
<b>Ms. Woolsey</b>	<b>Aye</b>	

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

21. Ms. Clifford adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.



Kathy Woolsey  
Secretary  
KW/SB