



Public Facilities and Safety Committee Beaufort County, SC

Council Chambers, Administration Building Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls
Complex 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

Monday, August 28, 2023
2:00 PM

MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Chairman Logan Cunningham
Vice-Chairman David P. Bartholomew
Council Member Thomas Reitz
Council Member Paula Brown
Council Member Anna Maria Tabernik
Council Member Alice Howard
Council Member York Glover
Council Member Joseph Passiment

ABSENT

Council Member Gerald Dawson
Council Member Lawrence McElynn

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chairman Cunningham led the pledge of allegiance.

3. FOIA

Committee Chairman Cunningham noted that public notification of this meeting had been published, posted, and distributed in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Bartholomew, to approve the agenda.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Brown, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Bartholomew, to approve the minutes of May 22, 2023, and June 26, 2026.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

6. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

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1. Michael Murphy
2. Grant McClure (*audio and visual issues from 5:40-11:18, please visit BCTV YouTube for full version*)
3. Kevin Phillips
4. Skip Hoagland

7. UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, JARED FRALIX

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Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure, Jared Fralix, updated the committee on items that were not on the agenda but on items that the departments were currently working on. Transportation, a unified Metropolitan Planning Organization, was developed for the northern part of Beaufort County based on a recent census. South Carolina Department of Transportation will hold a presentation in September to the Commission on the new funding allocation, where the new MPO will increase from 5.9 million to 8.5 million over the next two years. 278 joint independent study is ending, with a final report issued in the next two weeks. CBB, the consultant out of Missouri, will present to the Council in September and then will be back in October to present to the Town of Hilton Head. Windmill Harbor signal is moving forward with a contractor ready to start at the beginning of September. Eric Claussen and his team are working to finalize the encroachment permit with DOT. Public Works, there are two marine projects going on, one in the Alljoy neighborhood at the landing getting an improved dock which is out to bid, and demolition and rebuilding of the dock at 2 Mullet Street is scheduled to be advertised. Disaster Recovery, it is hurricane season, and emergency rosters are being revisited. Airports will have their annual flying frog 5k at Beaufort Executive Airport in October. In November, Hilton Head will have the Island Motor Event. There is a meeting scheduled with the FAA with the St. James Baptist Church and a positive response from the Town of Hilton Head for amending the current MOA. Capital Projects, Public Work's Admin Building is currently under design at Shanklin Road, and it will house public works, capital projects, engineering, and other related departments. This project will go out to bid next summer.

Council Member Glover asked how far this admin building is supposed to take them into the future. Mr. Fralix stated that this was off the facilities master plan, which is a look at 30 years ahead.

The Arthur Horne Complex is finally complete and fully occupied. The old I.T. infrastructure is currently being moved from the old Arthur Horne. Once that is done, there will need to be some asbestos abatement done, and then the building will be demolished and replaced with a parking lot. The Voter's Registration Warehouse expansion project has been awarded to Beaufort Construction. Public Safety, there are several renovations happening in the detention center. The Sun City Fire and EMS station has been held up due to some challenging issues with the contractor, and it is hoped that it will be completed by November. Charles Lind Brown Community Center has had a lot of renovations. There is a good senior citizen program, and the renovations will improve it. Okatie River Passive Park at Pepper Hall is scheduled for design and will be out to bid in the next 90 days. Pools, the M.C. Riley pool's second phase, is also underway. The pools at Battery Creek High School and Beaufort High School are being looked at.

8. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE FEE SIMPLE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY WITH TMS NUMBER R112-032-000-0637-0000, R112-032-000-0008-0000, AND R112-032-000-0064-0000 ALSO KNOWN AS CHERRY HILL OAK

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Rural and Critical Land Preservation recommended pursuing due diligence on 1/12/23, the Land Use and Community Services Committee recommended due diligence on 3/11/23, Rural and Critical Lands Preservation Board recommended purchasing on 6/8/23. Cherry Hill Oak – Fee (TMS 112-032-000-0637,008,0064) properties consist of approximately 12 acres zoned T4-N in the town of Port Royal with frontage along the marshes of Battery Creek. The property is home to a 2012 Heritage Oak, Cherry Hill Oak, and a gravesite for an enslaved woman, Mary Pope. The proposed purchase includes an opportunity to purchase real properties identified as TMS R112-032-000-0637-0000, and R112-032-000-0008-0000, R112-032-000-0064-0000 and known as Cherry Hill Oak. The agreed-upon purchase price is \$1,550,000.

Amanda Flake, Natural Resource Planner for the planning department, presented the item. This item was brought forward to the council earlier for due diligence and is now ready for fee simple purchase. This property is 11.92 acres in the Town of Port Royal at a purchase price of \$1,550,000, 87% of the appraised value. The landowner will be contributing money for the maintenance of the program, the Town of Port Royal has agreed to accept maintenance responsibility and private funds have been raised for tree maintenance.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Glover, to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the interim county administrator to execute the necessary documents and provide funding for the fee simple purchase of real property with TMS Number R112-032-000-0637-0000, R112-032-000-0008-0000, and R112-032-000-0064-0000 also known as Cherry Hill Oak.

Discussion: Council Member Howard recognized Hope Cunningham and Michael Murphy for their hard work on this project and the rest of the community by raising funds and spreading the word at the farmers market on Saturdays.

Council Member Glover asked about additional graves on the property and was the county planning on locating them. Assistant County Administrator Chuck Atkinson, Development, stated that there are no plans at this time to locate them, but if the council desires to do that, there are several ways to do so. A proposal can be put together to determine the options and bring it back to council. Council Member Glover said he would like the graves to be noted so the public can be aware of the graves and can respect the deceased.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

9. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT COST RECOVERY MODEL AND REVISED AIRLINE RATES

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Beaufort County Airports Board approved the cost recovery model and the revised airline rates at their regular meeting on July 20, 2023. The purpose of the cost recovery model is to fully recover the airport's operating costs attributable to airline activity. A detailed cost analysis showed these costs were not being covered through the existing rates charged to the airlines since FY19. The revised rates reflect a two-phased (two-years) model that, when fully implemented, will fully recover the operating costs associated with airline activities. This model is a "living" tool that will be updated twice a year to remain as accurate as possible.

Airport Director Jon Rembold introduced the item. This item has been talked about before, but it's a culmination of an approximately 18-month process. A professional firm that is a sub-consultant of the main engineers and a planning firm that works for the airport was brought in to analyze rates and charges and do airline negotiations. All expenses needed to be analyzed, and each expense was assigned a cost center. When complete, it was found that the rates and charges that were currently being charged to the airlines were not covering 100% of their cost. A plan was drafted to recover those expenses to break even. This plan would take two years to get to full recovery. The airlines accepted the plan. This is a living plan that will be evaluated every two years. A mid-year check will be done to see how expenses are trending and what the charges and rates are. At the end of every fiscal year, a meeting with the airlines will be held to do a reconciliation.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of a resolution to approve the Hilton Head Island airport cost recovery model and revised airline rates.

Discussion: No discussion.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

10. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT SC AERONAUTICS COMMISSION GRANT OFFER 23-029 FOR \$12,000,000 FOR HXD TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS

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Council Resolution 2022/25 directed staff to proceed with the terminal project. June 2022 SC Senator Davis announced to County Council this item was approved as a line item in the South Carolina Budget for FY 2023. Beaufort County Airports Board approved the proposed resolution to accept the funding during its regular meeting held July 20, 23. In May 2022, South Carolina House Representative Jeff Bradley informed Beaufort County via the Hilton Head Island airport that because of communications between the airport team, county administration, and state delegation, a \$12,000,000 line item for HXD's terminal construction was to be part of the Governor's approved budget. As directed by the Governor's office, this grant will be used for terminal construction and is administered through the SC Aeronautic Commission Office. This grant does not require a local match. This is a \$12,000,000 line item in the state's budget for the initial phase of terminal construction. It does not require a match, so there is no fiscal impact. The airport's portion of the funding will be required as progress payments over the 2-year construction process. The airport/county will pay invoices and file for reimbursement via these several grants. The airport can fund these progress payments with the new revised airline rates/charges and past grants, which will free up funds.

Airport Director Jon Rembold stated that Senator Davis gave a briefing around the end of fiscal year 22 and the budget for fiscal year 23 that included \$12,000,000 to be used for the terminal. The process is that the money goes through an agency to disperse funds, which is aeronautics.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernik, seconded by Council Member Howard, to recommend approval of a resolution to accept SC Aeronautics Commission Grant offer 23-029 for \$12,000,000 for HXD terminal improvements.

Discussion: No discussion.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

11. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AWARD TO EDISON FOARD, INC. FOR PHASE I OF THE HILTON HEAD ISLAND AIRPORT COMMERCIAL SERVICE TERMINAL IMPROVEMENTS

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Council Resolution 2022/25 directed staff to proceed with the terminal project. The project was initially bid in June 2022. The bids were above the budget for the project, so the bid was re-packaged as an initial phase package, and it was then offered for bids. Bids were received on June 7, 2023. Three bids were received, with the lowest bid being within the project budget. The lowest qualified bid was provided by Edison Foard, Inc. of Charlotte, NC, in the amount of \$27,196,809.29. The Airport Board reviewed and approved the recommendation at its July 20, 2023, regular meeting. The initial phase includes the entrance road improvements, new TSA screening checkpoint, and new boarding gate areas. The contract fee is \$27,196,809.29, and staff recommends a 10% contingency of \$2,719,680.93, bringing the project's total cost to \$29,916,490.10. Funding for this project is FFA Grants \$22,600,000; SC Aeronautics \$3,000,000; SC Budget Line Item \$12,000,000. The airport's share is 10% of the FFA's discretionary funding. \$2,200,000. This amount is budgeted in the "Sponsor Share" line item. This expense will be realized incrementally over a 3–5-year period.

Airport Director Jon Rembold stated that there is a good cost basis to go forward with phase one of the terminal, which will consist mostly of new construction. There will be a new boarding gate area, a new security screening checkpoint, and a lot of work on the entrance road in front of the terminal. There will probably be some parking off to the side on a temporary basis. One of the jet bridges will be included in this phase.

Discussion: Committee Chairman Cunningham mentioned that this phase's cost was done through grants or an airport budget line item. Is there any impact on the county itself? Mr. Rembold stated that the airport's share of this is tied to the FAA grants. There is approximately \$22.6 million in FAA funds going into this phase, so there is a \$2.2 million obligation from the airport that will happen over the lifetime of the construction.

Council Member Tabernik questions item number 10's funding not matching item number 11's funding. Mentioning that item 11 says FAA grants \$22.6 million, and 10 says \$21.6 million. The Airports portion says \$2.2 million on one, and the other says \$2.16 million. Mr. Rembold said that was a typo. It is \$2.16 million making \$2.2 million an approximation.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Council Member Tabernik, to recommend approval of a contract award to Edison Foard, Inc. for phase 1 of the Hilton Head Island Airport Commercial Service Terminal Improvements.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

12. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE BEAUFORT COUNTY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE BEAUFORT EXECUTIVE AIRPORT FACILITY USE RATE CHANGES (ARW) FACILITY USE RATE CHANGES

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Beaufort's Executive Airport's facility use fees have not been significantly increased in over 10 years. In June 2023, the Airport Board's ARW Committee recommended a fee increase. At its regular meeting on July 20, 2023, the Airport Board voted in favor of a new fee structure which is included in the agenda's backup material. Pursuant to Section 6-65 of the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances, with the approval of the aviation board, the airport director is authorized to establish fees. Beaufort Executive Airport charges facility use fees to customers to self-fund airport operations and maintenance. These fees have been consistently lower than comparative airports and have not increased significantly in several years. Maintenance and replacement costs continue to increase as the facility ages, prompting this fee increase. The airport endeavors to operate as financially self-sufficiently as possible to comply with FAA Sponsor Assurances and County policy regarding enterprise funds.

Airport Director Jon Rembold explained that it has been a long time since the overall use fees have been updated, the facility continues to get older, and the maintenance needs to be self-funded as a part of the

county's desire for the airport to be an enterprise fund and the FAA's requirement to be self-sufficient. Having reasonable use charges for those who use the airport helps meet both of those requirements. These changes do favor the local tenants as the changes are much smaller than the transients.

Discussion: Council Member Tabernik asked why there wasn't an increase in the large aircraft ramp fee. Mr. Rembold said there is a comparative analysis done on a regional basis to see what other airlines are charging, and these fees are in line with them, so it made sense to keep it the same while the other fees came in a little low.

Motion: It was moved by Committee Vice-Chair Bartholomew, seconded by Council Member Passiment, to recommend approval of a resolution by Beaufort County Council authorizing the Beaufort Executive Airport facility use rate changes (ARW) facility use rate changes.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

13. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AND AN INTERIM LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR SHUTTLE SERVICES BETWEEN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND THE BEST OF HILTON HEAD

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The Airport Board reviewed and recommended approval of the agreement at its monthly meeting held on August 17, 2023. The Best of Hilton Head will operate a shuttle service to/from Hilton Head Island Airport to pick up and deliver passengers and their baggage between Hilton Head Island and its vicinity. No shuttle policy is in place, so this interim letter of agreement will serve as the interim shuttle policy. It will be on a trial basis and can be modified as the airport deems appropriate. Shuttle vehicles will be tracked via a geo-fence and will submit a detailed monthly report showing the number of trips and passengers with their monthly payment to the airport. Hilton Head Island Airport will receive a monthly fee of \$1.00 per passenger with a minimum fee of \$5.00 each time a shuttle enters the airport property.

Airport Director Jon Rembold updated the council on the item and the reason behind an interim agreement. This is the first shot at a shuttle service in many years. There have been shuttle services with the resorts and hotels in the past, but they are now obsolete. Taxicabs, Uber, and Lyft have become very popular, but there is still a demand for shuttle services. A local company called Best of Hilton Head has requested to provide shuttle services by reservation. Other companies are interested as well. This agreement will be for a year, and this shuttle service will provide more options for customers with ground transportation. This will also be a revenue generator for the airport.

Discussion: Council Member Howard asked if other providers could have bid on this agreement. Mr. Rembold stated that this company is the only one, but some other companies are interested and would fall under the same arrangement. Council Member Howard asked if this was competitive, and Mr. Rembold said it was open and non-exclusive.

Committee Vice-Chair Bartholomew asked if there is an estimate of how many people will be using this service. Mr. Rembold replied that it is the end of the summer season, and it will probably be low for the rest of the year, but hopefully, it will be more popular next year. There was a demand this year, but the airport is just now getting to arranging something.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Howard, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of a resolution and an interim letter of agreement for shuttle services between Beaufort County and the Best of Hilton Head.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

14. RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT TO AWARD IFB #081023E, BLUFFTON PARKWAY PATHWAY PROJECT, TO FIRST CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

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On July 10, 2023, Beaufort County published IFB #081023E Bluffton Parkway Pathway Project requesting competitive bids for the material procurement and construction of a pathway along Bluffton Parkway near SC 46. On August 10, 2023, The County received four bids to perform the specified scope. First Construction Management was the apparent lowest responsive bid. As part of the 2018 one-cent transportation sales tax, a program of pathways was identified for construction to provide better and safer access to pedestrians in key areas in Beaufort County. This pathway along Bluffton Parkway was one of the projects identified and will connect two existing pathways near SC 46. The project was originally bid on June 9, 2022, with no contract ever being executed. The project was put out to rebid on July 10, 2023, with an alternative allowing a concrete pathway. This project will consist of all materials and construction to complete approximately 650' of 8' wide concrete pathway extending from SC 46 to the existing pathway at Soperton Drive. The contract fee is for materials and construction in the amount of \$189,175.37. Staff recommends a 20% contingency of \$37,835.07, bringing the project's total to \$227,010.44. The funding for this project will be the 2018 One-Cent Sales Tax – Sidewalks and Pathways account number 47050011-54510, with a balance of \$21,274,070.40.

Director of Engineering Eric Claussen presented this item. This is one of the many pathways of the 2018 penny sales tax. This is the first one, but Alljoy, Laurel Bay, Stewart Point, and Depot Road will be coming forward in the next month or so. This project had to be re-bidden. The original bid was on June 9, 2022, with only one bidder, and was not able to come to terms on the contract. There were some property acquisitions that needed to occur, so there was a re-bid on July 10, 2023. Four bidders responded, so there was more activity in the contractors being interested in doing the work for the county. This bid came in lower than what was received a year ago. This is for 650' of a pathway to fill a gap on Bluffton Parkway from the traffic circle on 46 to Soperton by Myrtle Park, where the county facilities are. This bid went to First Construction Management with a total cost including a 20% contingency is \$227,010.44.

Discussion: Council Member Tabernick thanks Mr. Claussen for putting the account information and the fund balance in the backup material.

Committee Chairman Cunningham stated that this is the second project with a lower contract price than before. Is there a trend of prices coming down? Mr. Claussen responded that more contractors are interested in bidding than before, which is a good sign of things to come.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Tabernick, seconded by Council Member Brown, to recommend approval of a contract award IFB #081023E, Bluffton Parkway Pathway Project, to First Construction Center.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

(Items 15-18 were handled together)

15. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A MOWER MAX WITH FRONT LIFT AND BOOM ATTACHMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT- ROADS AND DRAINAGE DIVISION

The purchase of a new Mower Max is to replace a 2004 John Deere 7220 Farm Tractor with a boom arm that has 4,334 hours. The Mower Max includes a mulching head, boom, and front lift attachment. This piece of equipment can be used in numerous facets and is essential to a more effective and productive operation for the Roads and Drainage Division to maintain County rights of way and roadside systems. A quote has been provided from ATMAX, the sole source, in the amount of \$276,786.29. The funding source for this item was approved in the FY2024 budget meeting for Public Works account number 10401301-54000.

16. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A BUCKET TRUCK UNDER STATE CONTRACT #060920 (DODGE RAM 5500 4X4 CUMMINS DIESEL TEREX LT40) FOR TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

A quote has been provided from Custom Truck One Source. This is on Source Well Contract # 060920, in the amount of \$162,299. The funding source for this item was approved in the FY24 budget for Public Works. Account number 10401301-54000.

17. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE SOURCE WELL CONTRACT #060920- ROADS AND DRAINAGE DIVISION

The purchase of a new dump truck is to replace a 2004 dump truck with 252,480 miles. The standard replacement schedule is for 10 years/120,000 miles. A quote has been provided from Peterbilt. This is on Source Well Contract # 060920, in the amount of \$253,143.00. The funding source for this item was approved in the FY24 budget for Public Works account number 10401301-54000.

18. RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOUR REPLACEMENT AMBULANCES FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY EMS DEPARTMENT

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In FY 2022, two ambulance remounts were approved in the budget and ordered from HGAC Buy Cooperative. In FY 2023, two new ambulances were approved in the budget and ordered from the same vendor. As of the start of FY 2024, none of the four ordered ambulances had been built nor delivered to the county. Recently, the EMS department was notified by HGAC Buy Cooperative that four new ambulances were made available due to a canceled order from another entity. The EMS department has confirmed that the four new ambulances meet the specifications of those previously ordered and would be a suitable replacement. The vendor has confirmed that if we accept the four new ambulances, the county can cancel the two previous orders at no charge. Since the FY22 books have been closed, the allocated funds will be returned to the General Fund if the order is canceled. The funds for the FY 23 order have been rolled forward to the FY 24 budget. In the FY 24 Capital Fund, \$1,203,000 was budgeted for EMS ambulance purchases. Between the FY 23 rollover funds and the FY 24 Capital funds, there is sufficient funding to purchase the four ready-to-go ambulances. FY 23 account # 10001230-54000 via PO 20220701 (Balance of \$310,878). FY 24 account # 10401230-54000, EMS Vehicle Purchase (balance of \$1,203,000) Total cost: \$259,996.00 each x 4 ambulances = \$1,039,984.

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Bartholomew, to vote on items 15 through 18 as a package.

Assistant County Administrator, Infrastructure Jared Fralix, briefed the council on items 15-18. All these purchases come from the Capital Improvement Project Fund. About 22 million dollars were in the budget but didn't have the exact balance. Item 15: The Mower Max is replacing a 2004 John Deere Tractor. The John Deere Tractor has over 4,300 hours and is due for a replacement. Item 16: Currently, there are two bucket trucks for traffic operations. One is newer, and the other that is being replaced is a 2008 bucket truck with 128,000 miles on it that has recently failed a safety inspection. The new bucket truck is \$162,299. Item 17: This dump truck for roads and drainage is to replace a 2004 truck with 252,000 miles on it. The contract is with Peterbilt and will be \$253,143. Item 18: four replacement ambulances. In 2022 two replacement remount ambulances were approved in the budget, and an order was placed with HGAC, which has not been received yet. In 2023, two new ambulances were ordered from the same vendor. By FY 24, none of the orders had been built or delivered. The vendor recently reached out to the EMS department and said they had four new ambulances ordered from another entity that have been canceled and offered to the department. Those four new ambulances meet the specifications and requirements needed. The EMS Department can take ownership of the four new ambulances right away and cancel the four previous orders that haven't been fulfilled at no cost.

Discussion: Committee Vice-Chair Bartholomew asked the cost to repair instead of replacing the RAM 5500 was known. Mr. Fralix stated that it was beyond repair. Committee Vice-Chair Bartholomew asked if the new truck was going to be an addition to the old truck. Mr. Fralix mentioned that those were the intentions but with the failed safety inspection, the old truck will be used as surplus. In the future, the goal is to have one extra, keeping one North and one South.

Council Member Tabernik thanked Mr. Fralix for providing information and pictures of the Mower Max. With the dump truck, the average life of the truck is 10 years/100,000 miles. The one that is being replaced should have been replaced in 2014 and had double the mileage, so this should show the public how well we are using the funds for this. Mr. Fralix also mentioned that the older and more wear and tear this truck has, the more expensive it is to repair it.

Council Member Howard asked if the dump truck was funded by stormwater or the general fund. Mr. Fralix said that all the funding comes from the general fund, and the dump truck is for roads and drainage. Council Member Howard stated at the last stormwater meeting that there were 20 vacancies. Mr. Fralix said that Public Works all together has 49 vacancies, which is a 25%-30% vacancy rate.

Committee Chairman Cunningham appreciates given the impact and where they are coming from, glad some of it is getting cleaned up. And thanks to Sarah, Clerk to Council, for putting the images on the screen so the council could see exactly what was being purchased and for the runback on TV as well.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. **PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SECTIONS 30-4-70(A)(2) AND (A)(1) TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE COVERED BY THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF PERSONS TO A PUBLIC BODY AND DISCUSSION OF THE APPOINTMENTS OF SUCH PERSONS (2024 SUPER PENNY ADVISORY BOARD)**
20. **PURSUANT TO S.C. CODE SEC. 30-4-70(A)(2): RECEIPT OF LEGAL ADVICE WHERE THE ADVICE RELATED TO THE POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR POTENTIAL CONDEMNATION LITIGATION (SHEPPARD, CAUSEY WAY, AND DOCK BUILDERS DRIVE)**

Motion: It was moved by Council Member Passiment, seconded by Committee Vice Chair Bartholomew, to enter into executive session.

The Vote – The motion was approved without objection.

(2:52 – 3:23)

21. **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No matters arising out of the executive session.

22. **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned: 3:24PM

Ratified: October 23, 2023