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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS January 27, 2024

Meeting Location: 301 McCall Street, Greer, SC 29650

### **REGULAR SESSION**

Greer Commission of Public Works met in **Regular Session**. The Commissioners of Public Works assembled for their regular meeting at 12:30 PM in the boardroom of the administrative and operations complex.

Commissioners present were: Chairman Eugene G. Gibson, and Commissioner Jeffery M. Howell and Commissioner Perry J. Williams.

Others present: General Manager Marc Regier, Operations Manager Tim Baker, Engineering and Planning Manager Brendan Crawford, Public Information Coordinator Alison Rauch, Customer Engagement Manager Ashley Boerger, Reno Deaton from the City of Greer, and Board Secretary Maria Camarena.

The Greenville News, and the Spartanburg Herald Journal were notified of the meeting by email on January 24, 2025 at 1:06 PM.

Mr. Gibson called the **Regular Session** to order at 12:30 PM.

### INVOCATION

Mr. Gibson offered the invocation.

## **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2024 MEETING**

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting. Mr. Williams seconded. A roll call vote followed. Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. Mr. Howell voted yes. The motion carried. The minutes were approved as written.

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### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Marc Regier presented the Financial Report for the period ending December 2024.

Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the financial report as information and Mr. Howell seconded. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. Mr. Howell voted yes. The motion carried.

### PROJECT/DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Mr. Crawford reported on:

- BMW Pump Station Replacement
- Victor Hill Road Substation Relocation
- Brookside Farms Subdivision-2A&2B
- Crossing at Abner Creek
- Greer Mill
- Victor Park Apartments
- Delia's Cottages
- End point Replacement Project

### **NEW BUSINESS**

# APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DISASTER RECOVERY& FEMA ASSISTANCE

Mr. Crawford is requesting authorization to move forward with FEMA Application which will help recover costs from Hurricane Helene. We have about a 60-day window to send all documents. A discussion followed.

Mr. Howell made a motion to authorize the FEMA Application for reimbursement purposes. Mr. Williams seconded. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. Mr. Howell voted yes. The motion carried.

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### REQUEST TO RELEASE SEWER RIGHTS TO METRO CONNECTS

Mr. Regier requested the Commissioners release 4 properties to Metro Connects. These properties are in CPW territory, however Metro Connects already has wastewater lines in the front and back of these properties. There is no economical way to get there. A discussion followed.

Mr. Williams made a motion to release the 4 properties to Metro Connects. Mr. Howell seconded. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. Mr. Howell voted yes. The motion carried.

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE UPDATE**

Mrs. Boerger made a presentation and gave updates on what has been happening in Customer Service. The presentation outlined key strategies to enhance team efficiency, customer engagement, and overall performance, focusing on restructuring, education, digital improvements, data analysis, customer insights, and team empowerment. A discussion followed.

### LAKE CUNINGHAM DAM MAINTANCE REPAIR

Mr. Baker informed the Commissioners of some necessary maintenance that must be done to Lake Cunningham. He noted that the water would be drawn down five to five and half feet to do some board replacements; these must be done immediately. This maintenance is necessary due to its regular maintenance that is done periodically, however that's turned into an urgent need due to the damage it sustained during Hurricane Helene. This work should be completed by the end of March. Lake Cunningham Park will be closed while the worked is being done. Customer Service has been made aware in case they get any calls. Alison will also be letting our customers know via social media. A discussion followed.

#### DATE CHANGE FOR MARCH COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Regier asked the Commissioners to reschedule the March Commission Meeting as he has a conflict at the original Meeting time. Commissioners agreed to an earlier Meeting time versus rescheduling the entire meeting. The March 24 Meeting will now be at 11:30AM.

Additionally, Mr. Gibson asked to reschedule the February Meeting as it conflicts with his schedule. This was moved to February 17.

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# **GENERAL MANAGER COMMENTS**

Mr. Regier let the Commissioners know the clearing of the land and structures next to the water plant will begin soon. A discussion followed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Mr. Howell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Williams seconded. The vote tally was as follows: Mr. Williams voted yes. Mr. Gibson voted yes. Mr. Howell voted yes. The motion carried, and the **Regular Session** adjourned at 1:56 PM.

Eugene G/Gibson, Chairman

Maria Camarena, Board Secretary

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