

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 9, 2016

Items Considered: 8; Items Approved: 8

Distribution/Collection

The Utility Commission authorized the execution of various agreements regarding proposed water and/or sanitary sewer improvements installed within various developments. The total estimated cost of all water improvements is \$203,130 and the total cost of all sewer improvements is \$139,860.

		Estimated Costs	
Project	Development	Water	Sewer
12128	Miller Street Retail Shopping Center	\$2,040	\$0
12143	Royal Village Estates	101,930	134,980
12173	Main Street Market	91,160	0
12179	Quick Lube & Carwash	0	4,880
12184	Wen Hwa – Chinese Restaurant	<u>8,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total:		\$203,130	\$139,860

The Utility Commission awarded a service contract to **Ultimate Performance Service, Inc.** for utility easement maintenance in the annual amount of \$114,450 and the right to extend the contract for as many as four additional 12-month periods making the total award possible over five years \$572,250.

Water/Wastewater Treatment

The Utility Commission awarded a contract to **Republic Services, Inc.** for grit hauling services in the amount of \$71,048.80 for the Archie Elledge and Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Facilities.

The Utility Commission rejected all bids for Chemical Tank Replacements for the **P.W. Swann and R. W. Nielson Water Treatment Plants**. Bids for this project exceeded the engineer's estimate of \$776,000; plans are underway to revise the specifications to bring the project within budget and re-bid.

The Utility Commission authorized a sole source equipment procurement contract to **Carolina Cat** for the Nielson water Treatment Plant Switchgear Control Equipment Upgrade.

Water & Sewer Rates

The Utility Commission approved the FY2016-17 City/County Utility Commission Water and Sewer Operations and Capital Budget and recommended adoption by the City Council. In this proposed budget, the overall operations budget of \$82.9 million decreases by \$2,465,710 from FY2015-16. This decrease is due to a \$2,126,490 reduction in debt service cost and a \$387,970 reduction in the operating and maintenance budget. The Commission also approved a 1.5% increase in the water volumetric rate and 3% increase for sewer with a \$2.49 bi-monthly increase on base rates for the average customer effective October 1, 2016. The capital plan budget includes budget year appropriations of \$53,770,760 and multi-year funding for the six-year planning window through FY2021-22 of \$256,674,760. The planning for the Muddy Creek, Salem Creek, and South Fork basins has been completed and some significant capital projects within each basin have been identified. Continued focus is on prioritizing projects to minimize water outages due to main breaks in the distribution system and reduce sanitary sewer overflows and sewer backups that occur in the wastewater collection system.

Solid Waste Rates

The Utility Commission approved the FY2016-17 City/County Utility Commission Solid Waste Operations and Capital Budget and recommended adoption by the City Council. Disposal rates at the Hanes Mill Road Landfill will remain unchanged at \$34 per ton. Users who receive a volume discount will see an increase of \$0.50, paying \$32 a ton. The disposal rate at the Old Salisbury Road Landfill for construction and demolition debris will be \$31 a ton, a \$1 increase. Those rates do not include the \$2 per ton state disposal tax collected at Hanes Mill Road and Old Salisbury Road. Rates at the Overdale and Forum 52 yard-waste facilities will remain unchanged at \$30 a ton. Disposal rates will increase effective July 1, 2016. Revenue from Forsyth County covers 100% of the county drop-off and school recycling program. Transfers from the City stormwater fund, and water and sewer funds are budgeted to cover the household hazardous waste management program with the exception of electronics recycling. Overall, the budget includes a net contribution of \$203,860 to the solid waste fund balance.

General

The Utility Commission approved the minutes from the April 11, 2016 commission meeting.