

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 14, 2007

Items Considered: 14; Items approved: 14

DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION

A main line extension project under the City/County Utility Commission (CCUC) Feasibility Plan in the total amount of \$28,000.00 was awarded to provide water service in the following residential area of Forsyth County: **CAMP BETTY HASTINGS ROAD**. A total of 350 feet of water main will be extended to provide service for water customers in the existing residential area. This project will be constructed once the customers have paid their required capital charges.

The Utility Commission approved agreements with various developers for five projects: **Willowbrook Lane; Tanglewood Commons Shopping Center-Phase II; Vernon Farms Phase 2A; and Vernon Farms Phase 2C** where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Commission. These improvements are valued at \$462,860.00 and will provide service for 68 water and sewer customers. A total of 5,714 feet of water and 4,332 feet of sewer main will be extended to provide service for these projects. One developer is entitled to an immediate refund in the estimated amount of \$30,317.00 for the acceptance of oversized water mains and to replace sewer lines.

The Commission approved the purchase of easements for sewer line installation projects on: **Wyndham Lane Outfall and Transou Road Water Line** in the total amount of \$6,224.00.

The Commission approved a recommendation to grant BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. a new easement for construction of a telecommunications area and termination and abandonment of an existing easement. BellSouth will terminate and abandon their existing 30' x 30' easement which was granted in 1997. The swap would alleviate the concerns of neighboring property owners and have no negative impact on utility operations. A condition was added that would require Bell South to relocate the equipment at their cost if the city determines that it needs this easement for other purposes.

The Commission awarded a contract to AM-Liner East, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$88,000.00 for construction of lining a 24" sewer line under **I-40 and Hanes Mall Boulevard**.

The Commission approved an amendment to Contract Number 2007-1 awarded to Ramey, Inc. for Sewer Collection System Improvements - Addition No. 1. The amendment in the amount of \$109,990.43 will add Project Number 73343, **Woodfield Drive** and Project Number 71825, **Woodfield Drive Outfall** to Contract Number 2007-1. The amended total contract value is now \$255,978.00.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Commission approved the filing of a preliminary assessment roll for the following: **SKYCREST DRIVE; OAK SUMMIT ROAD; and PAULA DRIVE**. A public hearing date was set for June 11, 2007.

A preliminary resolution providing for a public hearing on **KERNERSVILLE ROAD** was approved. A public hearing date was set for June 11, 2007.

The Utility Commission approved its proposed FY 2007-2008 operating budget and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council for approval. The \$62.1 million operating budget includes a 7 percent increase in water rates and a 9% increase in sewer rates (effective upon the first billing cycle after October 1, 2007). The budget also projects a \$1.5 million increase in operating costs due to a rise in costs for contracted services, chemicals, and indirect costs for city services. Savings are realized in areas such as charges for revenue collections from the City's Revenue Division, a reduction in general property insurance and reduced costs for Information Systems direct charges. In order to sustain the systems growing technological needs and to support the new Biosolids Drying Facility there is an increase in personnel expenses in the amount of \$1,062,670.00. A total of 13 positions have been added to the budget, including 2 new instrumentation technicians. The addition of the 11 positions for the drying facility accounts for \$503,730.00 of the overall personnel costs. Budgeted debt service requirements will total \$21.5 million, an increase of \$1,144,440.00. The budget for capital improvements for 2007-08 totals \$57 million which includes funding for annexation and projects relating to rehabilitation and reinvestment in our existing treatment and collection distribution systems.

The operating budget for Solid Waste Disposal increases over the previous year's budget by \$1.6 million to \$12.3 million. Operating costs for solid waste facilities are projected to increase due to start-up costs for the new Forum 52 Yardwaste facility, regulatory requirements for closing and monitoring landfills, and recycling program costs. To meet these expenses, tipping fees at solid waste facilities increase by \$1 per ton at the C & D site; \$2 per ton for large volumes at Hanes Mill Road; and \$3 per ton at the yardwaste facilities.

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