

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 10, 2010

Items Considered: 14; Items Approved: 14

Distribution and Collection	Solid Waste
<p>The Utility Commission approved a resolution and directed the filing of preliminary assessment rolls and set a public hearing for the following projects: Hope Church Road and Lockwood Drive sewer extension and Hope Church Road water extension. The public hearing is set for June 14, 2010.</p> <p>The Utility Commission approved a resolution to set a public hearing on June 14, 2010 to consider the approval of a sufficient sewer petitioned project for Hialeah Court.</p> <p>The Utility Commission approved agreements with various developers for three projects: Miracle Temple Deliverance Church; Bob King Kia; & Deere-Hitachi Sewer Replacement where water and/or sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Commission. These improvements are valued at \$23,450 and will provide service for two new water and/or sewer customers. A total of 210 feet of water and 19 feet of sewer main will be extended or replaced to provide service for these projects. None of these projects are eligible for refunds of any kind.</p> <p>The Utility Commission approved a resolution authorizing the acquisition of easements by deed or condemnation for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements project 2010-A. The appraised values of the easements total \$16,075.</p> <p>The Utility Commission awarded a contract for construction of sanitary sewer collection system improvements for the Waughtown Street Outfall project. Spencer's, Inc. of Mount Airy, NC (dba Landform Construction) was the lowest responsive bidder for the project with an estimate of \$246,635.00.</p> <p>The Utility Commission approved an amendment to a Municipal Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the design and construction of sewer lines and services associated with the Union Cross Road Widening. The amendment adds seven more properties to the project increasing the agreement estimated cost to \$1,197,478, an increase of \$267,478 over the original agreement.</p>	<p>The Utility Commission approved a contract with Central Carolina Holdings, LLC to provide scrap tire management services. This contract includes supplying storage trailers, loading tires into the trailers at Hanes Mill Road Landfill, transportation to their recycling facility, recycling a portion of the tires, and disposal of the remaining ones. Central Carolina Holdings has proposed to do the above work for \$481,000.</p> <p>The Utility Commission approved a contract for HDR Engineering to provide engineering services necessary for final cover repairs at the closed unit of the Hanes Mill Road Landfill. HDR has proposed to assess the areas needing repairs, provide the necessary design for the production of contract plans and specifications, and provide bidding and award services to the successful contractor. HDR estimates that the not-to-exceed fee for this work will be \$39,380.</p> <p>The Utility Commission awarded a contract for construction of Hanes Mill Road Landfill Phase 1, Cell 1 vertical well gas extraction system installation. Under the contract, seven vertical wells will be installed, each 34 feet deep, for a total of 238 vertical feet of pipe. SCS Field Services, Inc., was the lowest responsive bidder on the project with an estimate of \$130,426.40.</p>
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	<p>The Utility Commission confirmed assessment rolls containing certain agreements requesting financing payments for water and/or sewer special privilege charges and main line capital charges. The 13 property owners contained within these rolls waived their right to a public hearing.</p> <p>The Utility Commission approved the FY 2010-2011 City/County Utility Commission Water and Sewer Operations and Capital Budget and recommends adoption by the City Council. In this proposed budget, the overall operations budget is projected to decrease by \$432,280 or 1.06%. The Commission also approved an increase of 10% for water rates and 11% for sewer rates effective October 1, 2010. The capital plan of the budget includes projects to replace 90 plus year old dam facilities at Salem Lake, replacement of the Reedy Fork lift station, upgrades and rehabilitation to various water pump station and water transmission main facilities and includes projects to reinvest in the 100 plus year old water distribution and wastewater collection systems.</p>

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The Utility Commission approved the FY 2010-2011 City/County Utility Commission Solid Waste Operations and Capital Budget and recommends adoption by the City Council. Rates will remain unchanged; \$34/\$30 per ton at Hanes Landfill; \$28 per ton at Old Salisbury Road C&D Landfill; and \$29 per ton at Olverdale and Forum 52 Yard Waste Facilities. A new source of revenue from Forsyth County is budgeted to cover the costs of the County drop-off and school recycling programs. The household hazardous waste management program will receive transfers from the City stormwater fund and water and sewer funds equally. Overall, the budget anticipates a net positive contribution to fund balance of \$1,239,120.

A report was presented to the Commission regarding this year's study of water and sanitary sewer assessment rates. After analysis of water and sewer projects recently completed, the average installation costs and the current assessment rates for water and sanitary sewer are comparable to the previous year's recommendations. Therefore staff did not recommend any adjustments to either assessment rate at this time. The current rates for assessment are \$21 per frontage foot for water and \$45 per frontage foot for sewer.