

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
September 11, 2006

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting the Utility Commission agenda included 17 items.

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM EXPANSION

Projects in this category are associated with the distribution of water from treatment facilities to the customer and from the customer to the treatment facilities.

A public hearing and final resolution was approved by the Commission for the following sewer line extension projects: **EVELYN ROAD; WOODFIELD DRIVE; and LINVILLE SPRINGS ROAD.**

A resolution was approved directing filing of a preliminary assessment roll on the following streets: **CRESTVIEW WAY, KENOSHA DRIVE; and QUAIL HAVEN LANE.** A public hearing is scheduled for October 9, 2006.

The Commission approved agreements with developers for six projects (**Piedmont Triad Research Park, Phase 1-A and Happy Hills Gardens III Family Apartments**) where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$1,315,530.50 and will provide service for 201 water and sewer customers. A total of 15,513 feet of water and 10,536 feet of sewer main will be extended to provide service for these projects. Four developers are entitled to immediate refunds for oversized water and/or sewer mains in the amount of \$241,000.00.

A resolution authorizing funding in the amount of \$550,000.00 for water and sewer infrastructure repairs associated with the redevelopment of Happy Hill Gardens was approved by the Commission.

Final payment to Cayenta, Inc. was approved in the amount of \$165,294.00 for the 2006-07 maintenance of the utility billing system. In December 2000, the Commission authorized staff to enter into an agreement with Cayenta, Inc. in the amount of \$3,678,155.00 for utility billing software licenses, services, and maintenance. The Commission approved the request for final payment for maintenance.

A final payment to Pak Land, LLC and to Craver Estates, Inc. in the total amount of \$813,876.50 was approved by the Commission. The Commission previously approved a contract to refund the total cost of the developers' investment for the installation of trunk mains upon annexation (September 30, 2006). The trunk mains have been installed and inspected and all contractual requirements have been met.

The Commission approved the purchase of easements for the **Chandler Pointe** sewer line and the **Beaver Brook Road Outfall** in the amount of \$4,175.00.

A contract award was approved by the Commission for Triangle Grading & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$2,682,567.00 for the Children's Home and Manhattan Sewer Rehabilitation, Contract 1.

WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Projects in this category allow for improvements to treatment facilities that increase operational efficiency throughout the system.

The Commission approved a recommendation from staff to enter into an engineering agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for construction administration services at the Muddy Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant. The contract amount approved is not to exceed \$149,000.00.

A resolution was approved to award a contract to Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company in the amount of \$659,300.00 for the purchase of one standby generator for the Muddy Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The Commission approved a contract with Schnabel Engineering South, PC in the amount not to exceed \$354,500.00 for construction administration services for the Idol's dam and powerhouse improvement project.

A cost plus fixed fee contract was awarded to HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$54,000.00 for design services for electrical repairs and rehabilitation resulting from a lighting strike at the Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Digester facilities.

The Commission also approved an additional cost plus fixed fee contract in the amount not to exceed \$356,134.00 to HDR Engineering, Inc. for design services for the Reedy Creek Fork Wastewater Pump Station Replacement project. This station has aged and is prone to flooding during severe thunderstorms events.

WATER DISTRIBUTION AND SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM EVALUATION/REHABILITATION

Projects in this category allow for improvements to the distribution and collection system.

The Commission approved a resolution authorizing the repair of the Northwest 25 MGD raw water pump and the purchase of a second 25 MGD pump. The cost of the new pump is estimated to be \$300,000.00. Previously appropriated funds for emergency repairs at the Northwest Raw Water Pump Station will be used for the first pump.

A contract was approved for the Gilbert Engineering Company in the estimated amount of \$2,438,100.00 for the construction of the Muddy Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant Effluent Pump Station. As a part of the FY 2006-7 Capital Improvement Projects, the Process Control Project was approved to provide for improvements at the wastewater treatment plants. The Process Control project included funding to construct an effluent pump station at the Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. This pumping station is necessary in order to continue discharging the plant effluent during flood conditions.

The Commission approved a contract for construction of Idols Hydroelectric Project Modifications. The contract was awarded to Blythe Construction in the amount of \$2,657,395.00.

The Commission approved a contract for construction of the Muddy Creek WasteWater Treatment Plant Digester Control Electrical Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$472,092.00 for Add Alternates A, B, and C. The contract was awarded to Star Electric Company, Inc.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Projects in this category are associated with waste disposal.

The Commission approved a resolution authorizing the sale of property located on 5485 Woodcliff Drive. On April 2, 2002 an offer to purchase homes was extended by the Utility Commission to 18 homeowners on Woodcliff Drive. The offers were based on an appraisal by a MAI appraiser and it was agreed that the offers could be accepted anytime within three years of when the appraised value was established. In the final tabulation, 17 of 18 homeowners accepted this purchase offer. As of this date, 11 of the houses purchased by the Utility Commission have been resold and this would be the twelfth. An offer to purchase this home (5485 Woodcliff Drive) has been received for \$180,000.00. This offer amount is 88% of the original purchase price with the seller paying no closing costs. The tax value for the subject property at the time of offer was \$176,900.00, it is currently \$201,030.00.

ADMINISTRATION

Projects in this category are associated with general policies of the Commission.

The Utility Commission has a regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on October 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, located at 100 E. First Street, City Hall South, 5th floor. For more information about the Commission agenda, please view the City's website at www.cityofws.org/meetings.