

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
April 11, 2005

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Utility Commission agenda included 10 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.

The Commission held a public hearing to consider and adopt appropriate verifiable percentage goals for participation by minority and women owned businesses for the following projects: **Water System Improvements along Bethania-Rural Hall Road, Bethania Street, Depot Street, Glade Street and Broad Street and Construction of the Argonne Boulevard Sewer Outfall Rehabilitation.**

A public hearing and final resolution was held to approve the following water and sewer line extension project: **Oak Summit Road.**

The Commission approved preliminary agreements with developers for six projects (**Patterson Ave. Business Center, Carrie's Place, Gabriel Retirement, Ivy Trace SS Outfall, Parkway Hills and Lochurst, Section IV, Phase 2**) where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$627,730.00 and will provide service for 174 water and sewer customers. A total of 13,924 feet of water and sewer main will be extended to provide service for these projects. Two developers are entitled to immediate refunds for oversized and intervening water and sewer mains in the amount of \$20,115.00.

The Commission awarded one contract to Billings and Garrett, Inc., totaling \$237,655.80 for improvements to the sanitary sewer collection system for the **Swaim Creek Outfall Extension.** This project will serve the Dell project.

The Commission approved 20 requests made by property owners to finance various connection and capital charges associated with water and/or sewer connections previously approved by the Commission. These charges have been treated the same as a confirmed assessment roll (assessment bills). The assessment bills for the charges will be financed over a five-year period at an 8% interest rate unless the property owner elects to pay the principal over a three-year period at an interest rate of 5.25%.

The Commission approved the purchase of three easements in the amount of \$4,820.00 for the Beaver Brook Road Outfall project.

WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES

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

An engineering agreement was approved with HDR, Inc. of the Carolinas in the amount of \$189,000.00 for design services for a flood control pump station at the Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A contract was awarded to Gilbert Engineering Company in the amount of \$2,828,282.00 for construction of the R.W. Neilson Water Treatment Plant chemical feed modifications.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Projects in this category are associated with waste disposal.

On October 8, 2001, the Commission awarded a contract to Caterpillar Financial Services, Inc., to lease a 100-ton compactor for three years at \$10,910.26 per month and to Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company for total maintenance and repair (TM&R) at \$15.52 per hour. Total cost of both contracts was \$532,449.36. Carolina Tractor has offered to perform a certified rebuild on this machine, followed by new lease agreements. The Commission has approved for staff to enter into a new four-year agreement for the same item, after it has undergone the certified re-build process at the vendor's expense. The lease agreement is \$10,265.55/month x 48 months and the TM&R agreement is \$15.92/hour x 9,600 hours. Total cost of the combined contracts is \$645,578.40.

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 May 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room, located at 100 East First Street in City Hall South, fifth floor. For more information about the Commission agenda, please view the City's website at www.cityofws.org/meetings.