

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING  
November 8, 2004**

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, the Utility Commission agenda included 15 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 project: **Construction of Muddy Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Basin Modifications and Lime Facility Project.**

A public hearing date was set for December 13, 2004, for 10 sewer line projects on the following streets: **Wimbledon Drive, Metairie Lane, Phillips Bridge Road, Grandview Club Road, Folkstone Court, Folkstone Road, Kane Drive, Yadkinville Road, Stimpson Drive, Transou Road, Mickle Road, Dixiana Lane, Parnell Road, Wyndham Lane Shadow Lane, Ashlyn Drive and Davis Road.**

The Commission approved preliminary agreements with developers for three projects (**Peachtree Meadows, Parkside – East, and Summerlyn Place**) where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$838,630.00 and will provide service for 234 water and sewer customers. A total of 25,124 feet of water and sewer main will be extended to provide service for these projects.

The Commission approved the purchase of two easements in the amount of \$1,025.00 for the **Summerlyn Place Sewer Line** project.

A contract was awarded in the amount of \$349,948.00 for improvements to the City's water distribution system along **Dock Davis Road**. The low bidder Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons, Inc., was found to not be a responsible bidder and therefore, the contract was awarded to the second low bidder, Ramey, Inc.

The Commission approved two contracts for 13 types of water meters for the period December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2005. The first contract for 1" displacement type water meters was awarded to Badger Meter, Inc., in the amount of \$7,784.00. The second contract for 1", 5", 2", 3", 4", 6" vertical turbine, the 3" and 4" compound and the 6", 8" and 10" fire service type water meters was awarded to Hersey Meter in the amount of \$330,864.00.

**WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

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

Federal regulations required the Utility Commission to perform a vulnerability assessment for the water system. This assessment revealed the need to provide surveillance of the grounds and to keep exterior doors locked at all times at the Neilson and Thomas Plants. Therefore, a purchase order in the amount of \$164,115.00 was awarded to SimplexGrinnell for updates to the security systems at both plants. The Northwest Water Treatment Plant already has the SimplexGrinnell security system in place.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

*Projects in this category are associated with waste disposal.*

Final payment was approved to N.C. Monroe Construction Company for work completed on the Hanes Landfill Scalehouse, Restrooms and Citizens' Drop Off Area Contract.

On April 2, 2002, an offer to purchase homes was extended by the Utility Commission to 18 homeowners on Woodcliff Drive. The offer was based on an appraisal by an MAI appraiser and it was agreed that the homeowners would have the next three years to accept the Commission's offer to purchase. Part of the Woodcliff Drive home purchases involved the purchase of 5476 Woodcliff Drive on May 22, 2003. The property was purchased from Victor Pyles for \$140,000.00. The property was listed for sale with Coldwell Banker Triad Realtors in the summer of 2003. An offer to purchase has been received for \$124,000.00, which includes \$1,500.00 in closing costs. The offer price is 9% above the tax value. The Commission recommended to the City Council that this property be sold for the abovementioned price. This will be the third sale of property owned by the Utility Commission on Woodcliff Drive.

The Commission approved a pilot study of corrective action for groundwater impacts at the Hanes Mill Road Landfill to HDR Engineering in a not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000.00.

As an informational item, staff presented a report on Solid Waste Disposal program funding and expenses. This report was in response to a resolution passed by the Utility Commission in June 2004 that directed the staff to begin a process of long range planning for the Solid Waste Disposal programs.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

On September 13, 2004, the Commission approved rate increases for the fees it charges for new water and sewer connections. That agenda did not reflect updates to all areas of the water and sewerage policy. Therefore, the Commission approved changes to the amended policy that were left out of the September 13 agenda item.

The Commission approved a request from the Winston-Salem Alliance for the purchase of property for economic development purposes in accordance with the 1976 agreement and the 2003 amendment authorizing acquisition of property for development. The parcel of land has 18.950 acres and is adjacent to the previously acquired property for the Alliance Technology and Science Park. The purchase price of \$606,400.00 was established.

On December 2, 2004, the NCDOT will hold a formal corridor public hearing for the Eastern Section Extension of the Winston-Salem Beltway. Currently, there are two alignments under study and the public hearing is to gather statements, questions, and/or submittal of material pertaining to the proposed project. The property that the Winston-Salem Alliance and the Utility Commission has purchased for the Alliance Technology and Science Park lies within the eastern-most study corridor, and this route would reduce the amount of acreage available for development in the park. The current Union Cross and U.S. 311 interchange is of benefit to both the technology park and the Union Cross Business Park. The western-most alignment leaves all of the property for the technology park intact and provides an additional interchange that would serve both parks. Therefore, the Commission is recommending support of the western most-alignment.

### **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 December 13 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](http://www.cityofws.org/meetings).