

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**May 8, 2006**

At its regularly scheduled monthly meeting the Utility Commission agenda included 12 items and one extra item.

**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: **Construction of the Biosolids and Centrate Pipeline Project and Construction of the West End Sewer Main Rehabilitation.**

A public meeting was held to receive and accept public input for the **Forsyth County 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan.**

The Commission approved preliminary agreements with developers for thirteen projects (**Fair Oaks, Somerset Cove Court, Exert Place, Hillcrest Towne Center, Summerlyn Park, Sanitary Sewer Relocation for Koerner Place, Johnson Property, Harvest Ridge, North Park Business Center, and Windsor Oaks, Bluff School Road, Iglesia Luz Admirable Assembleas De Dios, and River Chase Subdivision**) where water and sewer facilities will be dedicated to the Utility Commission. These improvements are valued at \$1,896,860.00 and will provide service for 510 water and sewer customers. A total of 24,385 feet of water and 20,941 feet of sewer main will be extended to provide service for these projects. Three developers are entitled to immediate refunds for oversized and intervening water and sewer mains in the amount of \$17,438.00.

The Commission approved the purchase of an easement in the amount of \$5,400.00 for the **Bethany Trace Outfall** project.

A resolution amending the award of Contract No. 2005-9 to Ramey, Inc. for Sewer Collection System Improvements was approved by the Commission. Addition No.2 to Contract 2005-9 is for \$137,115.75.

A contract was awarded to Sylvester & Cockrum, Inc. in the amount of \$485,400.00 for HVAC Renovations at the Manson Meads complex.

**WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES**

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

An electrical design service contract was awarded to HDR Engineering, Inc in a cost plus fixed fee amount of \$76,300.00 for emergency repairs and electrical design services at the Muddy Creek Wastewater Digester Complex.

A contract was awarded to Gilbert Engineering Company in the amount of amount of \$212,212.00 for construction of the aluminum sulfate addition at the Northwest Raw Water Pumping Station.

**SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

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

The Commission approved a resolution authorizing the sale of property located on 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, 9 of the houses purchased by the Utility Commission have been resold and this would be the 10th. An offer to purchase this home has been received for \$200,000.00. This offer amount is 89% of the original purchase price with the seller paying no closing costs. The tax value at the time of the appraisal and offer was \$209,200.00, it is now \$230,780.00.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Commission approved an extra item authorizing participation in a modeling effort of High Rock Lake with the Yadkin PeeDee River Basin Association. The Yadkin PeeDee River Basin Association (YPDRBA) is a coalition of point source dischargers in the Yadkin River basin. This coalition was formed to consolidate the stream monitoring that must occur in order to comply with NPDES permits. The Commission's two wastewater treatment plants are permitted as point source discharges into two streams, Salem Creek which flows into Muddy Creek that flow into the Yadkin River. These streams discharge into the Yadkin River above High Rock Lake. The water quality in High Rock Lake has been listed as impaired for turbidity and chlorophyll by the North Carolina Division of Water Quality (DWQ). Due to this listing, DWQ must enact new regulations that will improve the water quality in High Rock Lake. These regulations will affect both point and non-point sources. A modeling of both the lake and watershed will be conducted to determine the amount of total daily loading the water body can handle. DWQ will then determine the actual TMDL based upon the model's predictive capability.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

The Utility Commission approved its proposed FY 2006-2007 operating budget and recommended that it be forwarded to the City Council for approval. The proposed \$55.9 million operating budget includes a 5 percent increase in the water and sewer rates (effective upon the first billing cycle after October 1, 2006). The budget also projects a \$1.1 million increase in operating expenses due to a rise in nondiscretionary costs such as fuel and chemicals. This year's proposed budget contains a city-wide 3% merit increase for all employees. Debt service would total \$20.4 million, an increase of \$202,845.00. The budget for capital improvements for 2006-07 totals \$48.8 million and is a continuation of the previously approved capital plan. The Capital Improvement Plan through FY2011-12 totals \$313.6 million. It calls for spending \$108.9 million over 10 years to meet costs associated with annexation. The proposed operating budget for solid waste disposal would increase 7.8 percent to \$10.7 million. Operating costs for solid waste facilities are projected to increase because of new requirements for closing and monitoring landfills. To meet these expenses, tipping fees at all solid waste facilities would increase by \$1 per ton. The Utility Commission will request final approval of the proposed budget at the next full City Council meeting.

The Utility Commission has a regularly scheduled meeting on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on June 12, 2006 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](http://www.cityofws.org/meetings).