

# CITY OF MULLINS

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## City Council Meeting Raymond Pridgen Auditorium Tuesday, September 8, 2020 6:00 P.M.

### AGENDA

1. **Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Mayor McMillan  
**Pledge of Allegiance:**  
**Invocation:**
2. **Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:**
3. **Approval of Agenda:**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
  - (a) Approval of Minutes – August 11, 2020 - City Council Meeting Minutes
  - (b) Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2020 – Special City Council Meeting Minutes
  - (c) Approval of Monthly Bills
5. **New Business:**
  - (a) SoPakCo – Development Proposal
6. **Adjournment:**



August 17, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL

Honorable William McMillan  
Mayor of Mullins  
151 East Front Street  
Mullins, SC 29574  
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Re: Proposal for Development of New City Road on SOPAKCO Property

Dear Mayor McMillan:

Greetings, and hope you are well. The purpose of this letter is to propose the development of a road on certain property in Mullins for the good and benefit of Mullins and its fine citizens. As you know, SOPAKCO has been a responsible corporate citizen in Mullins for many decades, employing thousands of fine citizens of Mullins over the years. Due to such employment, there is sometimes congestion upon Cypress Street around the SOPAKCO facility. SOPAKCO proposes to transfer to the City a portion of its property to build a road from Cypress Street. In addition to being a benefit to all travelers in the area, this new road would reduce traffic congestion on Cypress Street.

For the road to be constructed, SOPAKCO will be applying for a federal grant to request that the Federal Economic Commission ("FEC") will use its funds to construct the road. The FEC will not build a road on private property; therefore, SOPAKCO is willing to transfer the necessary property to construct the new road to the City of Mullins for no monetary consideration.

To properly prepare and submit a federal grant application, SOPAKCO will incur certain expenses to properly identify the property which is to be transferred to develop the roadway. Initially, SOPAKCO will need to have a survey performed; SOPAKCO estimates this will cost \$8,000. Next, SOPAKCO will obtain a Preliminary Engineering Report ("PER"); SOPAKCO estimates this will cost \$30,000. SOPAKCO will request that these funds be reimbursed by the FEC in its grant application. While there is no guarantee that the grant application will be approved or that approval will include reimbursement of such costs, SOPAKCO has had communications with federal grant officers, and given that SOPAKCO is one of three manufacturers of Meals Ready to Eat ("MRE's) for the federal government, SOPAKCO anticipates that the grant will be approved. Nevertheless, as this is a nonmonetary transfer of SOPAKCO's property to the City, SOPAKCO hereby requests that the City confirm that if the FEC does not reimburse SOPAKCO for its out of pocket costs for such survey and PER, that the City will reimburse SOPAKCO.

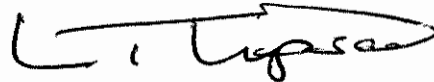
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We believe that the creation and construction of this road will be mutually beneficial to SOPAKCO, the City of Mullins, all of Mullins' citizens, and all travelers in and around Cypress Street, Lowman Street, and the new road. Of course, as a responsible corporate citizen, SOPAKCO will work with Mullins to ensure that the new road is a beautiful addition to our fair City. SOPAKCO's obligation to donate the property to Mullins will be subject to certain conditions precedent, including but not limited to, the approval of SOPAKCO's federal grant application; all of which will be specified in a more formal Letter of Intent to follow. On behalf of SOPAKCO, we are excited about this potential development, and we would appreciate your consideration of this request at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Thompson". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning and a cursive-like ending.

Lonnie F. Thompson  
President, SOPAKCO, Inc.

*Thank You*



**Giatha Lee Welch**  
*May 25, 1933 — May 15, 2020*