

Minutes
Street Committee Meeting
Tuesday, August 3, 2021

The Street Committee Meeting was held Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Council Chairman Eddie Kitchen, Council Members Carolyn Wilson, Mayo C. Phillips, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Council Chairman Eddie Kitchen, Council Members Carolyn Wilson, Mayo C. Phillips, Public Works Director Tarus Gilchrist, Interim Administrator Holly Jackson, City Clerk Felicia Sawyer.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Council Chairman Kitchen called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Committee Chairman Campbell stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Street Committee meeting for August 3, 2021.

3. Re: Departmental Overview

Public Works Director Tarus Gilchrist gave an overview of things that are going on with Street/Sanitation. Herrington Construction completed the C-Fund project on Westridge Avenue. Projects on the C-fund list include: Carolina Avenue, Dixon Street (flood areas), and Park Street (catch basins).

Gilchrist stated grass cutting is currently behind schedule due to Ray Mullins being injured while working. No other employee has lawn mower experience.

Gilchrist stated he asked for 4 positions but only received one. Until those positions are available grass will only be cut on Friday's. Council Member M. Phillips stated man power is needed. Council Member Wilson stated the positions would need to go through the Finance Committee. Wilson also stated there may be other City employees that would be willing to help with the grass on their off days.

Gilchrist state and excavator and jetter can be purchased with COVID funds.

Council Member Wilson asked why trash was being collected that was placed on top of trash carts. Gilchrist stated that was a DHEC violation.

Council Member Wilson also mentioned fixing driveway tiles. Gilchrist stated DOT has no manpower at the moment.

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Gilchrist stated Dogwood and St. Anne streets will be a request at the next Transportation Committee meeting.

Clean Neighborhoods Initiative will be having the next clean-up day on August 14th at the Gapway Recreation Complex.

Gilchrist stated the City Christmas tree died and was cut down. Gilchrist is working with Forestry to replace the tree. Council Member Wilson asked if Christmas decorations could be displayed past the nursing center.

4. Adjournment:

Committee Chairman Kitchen adjourned in prayer.

Eddie Kitchen
Street Department Committee Chairman

Attest:

Felicia J. Sawyer, City Clerk