

Aiken City Council Minutes

COMMITTEE MEETING

June 27, 2014

Present: Councilmembers Ebner, Homoki, Price, and Dewar.

Others Present: Roger LeDuc, Stuart Bedenbaugh, Michael Ulmer of the Aiken Standard.

CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX COMMITTEE

Councilman Ebner moved and Councilman Dewar seconded a motion to begin the committee meeting regarding Capital Projects Sales Tax at 9:31 A.M.

The purpose of the committee meeting was to understand the projects under Capital Projects Sales Tax II and III.

The CPST II projects with remaining funding are as follows:

Open Space	750,000
Eustis Park Senior/Youth Center	960,000
Park at City Landfill	2.6 million
Bike Paths	200,000
Northside Recreation Park	2 million
Dougherty/Mall	225,000
Whiskey Road Drainage	613,000

The CPST III projects with remaining funding are as follows:

Hopelands/Rye Patch	150,000
Eustis Park Senior/Youth Center	3.5 million
Citizens Park Fencing	500,000

There was discussion for each item.

Dougherty/Aiken Mall – Interim City Manager Roger LeDuc stated he needs to meet with Publix regarding restriping the parking lot. The City has an easement to do the work, but wants to be good neighbors. This can be done quickly with a discussion with Publix.

Whiskey Road Drainage – The committee discussed filling in the ditches with State enhancement money and CPST money.

The parallel roadway from East Gate to Corporate Parkway is on hold. It was carried over.

Hopelands - \$150,000 is allotted for this. Accommodations Tax money can also be used.

Eustis Park Senior/Youth Center - \$960,000 is allotted for this. Constructing a building without a gym, will leave money for other projects.

Citizens Park Fencing – Canopy work is done. Have \$500,000 left for fencing.

There are seven or eight other projects that may not get funded.

There is \$250,000 for the Burn Building

Northside Housing - \$1.75M is what was allotted. \$1.459M is being transferred to pay off the loan from 2009.

The Committee discussed the project manager position. For example, this person would determine the size of the Municipal Building and work to come up with completed drawings with a sub architect and stakeholders. This plan would be approved by Council.

There are several Parks, Recreation and Tourism projects on the list. Mr. LeDuc said we are looking at projects Council wants for the next 6 months to a year.

Councilwoman Price stated if the person could be like a Glenn Parker, Council would have what they need, but she felt someone from Engineering and Utilities would not be as good.

Mr. LeDuc stated we have two engineers. One is a construction manager and the other a project manager. He feels the person they need should be a PRT-oriented person versus an engineer.

Councilman Homoki was concerned about buying land. He feels the City paid too much for George's Pond and Heritage Park. Councilman Dewar told the committee it is better to get more than one appraisal.

The Committee discussed the job description of the Capital Project Sales Tax Manager at length.

It will need to be decided what projects will pay for the position. That should be the City Manager's decision. The person hired will take a project from start to completion.

The committee discussed the ordinance approving the Capital Projects Sales Tax Manager. The committee wants to have a listing of the projects in the ordinance. They want only the projects in the ordinance, not the dollar amounts attached to them.

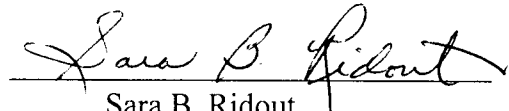
The committee discussed some other projects. Councilwoman Price asked if they could talk to

SCDOT about resurfacing University Parkway. Councilman Dewar asked about the paving of Newberry Street between Park Avenue and South Boundary.

Councilman Ebner told the committee that there had been no work on University Parkway because they expect the City to spend \$6M on the work. He also said he hated to see money spent on The Alley.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.


Sara B. Ridout
City Clerk