

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS
Minutes of March 13, 2008

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works was held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in the Boardroom at 121 West Court Avenue.

In attendance:

	Steve D. Reeves, Jr.	Jeff Chapman	Vicki Knott
Gene P. Hancock	Ken Barnett	Jeff Auman	Stacia May
Michael G. Monaghan	Jeff Meredith	Curtis Burnett	Vickie Gorham
Henry O. Watts	Denise Ogletree	Carlos Cometto	Bill Patrick
	Ken Whittle	Richard Gentry	Chris Trainor

- I. Chairman Watts called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Ken Barnett.
- II. Chairman Watts gave the statement of compliance with the notification provision of the Freedom of Information Act.
- III. Other Business:
 1. Manager Reeves reported that there was nothing new with annexation at this time. Commissioner Monaghan noted construction of a store next to the Metro building. Commissioner Hancock pointed out that Duke had already built their lines there. Chairman Watts asked about annexation and Mr. Meredith responded that they had talked with them alone and with Charlie Barrineau. After Charlie ran the numbers for the City's part, it was not very advantageous for them to annex. He added that the building would only be about 4,000 square feet of heated and cooled space and would not be a big water user either so there was not much to offer them. Commissioner Hancock inquired about the Anderson property out past the COC on the right noting that water and sewer had already been put in. Manager Reeves responded it could be discussed later since it was still a sensitive issue with the Partnership.
 2. Manager Reeves noted that there were no items under *New Business* at the time the agenda was prepared; however, one item had since come up that required Board approval. He reported that up to \$500,000 may be available through a CDBG grant for water line improvements and upgrades. He explained that some participation in the 30 - 35% range would be necessary and that would run around \$250,000. He stated that the money would be

available through the bond issue. Manager Reeves requested approval to move forward with the application process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Monaghan to proceed with the application process; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hancock, and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Monaghan asked if CPW was in competition with Metro for these grants. Mr. Chapman responded that these are competitive grants out there for everybody. He added that if CPW does not apply that does not make Metro's chances any better; a certain amount of money is available through the Department of Commerce and HUD and not everybody gets it. Mr. Chapman stated that the money comes through the South Carolina Department of Commerce and is administered through the Upper Savannah Council of Government. He noted that Metro was applying for a different project area. Chairman Watts asked if that lessened CPW's chances. Mr. Barnett stated that in terms of how far the money can be spread out, then obviously you can spread the money further if fewer people apply. He added that he heard recently that the Upper Savannah COG was helping with six or seven applications between Metro, CPW, and Abbeville. He continued that what is considered most important or how they are prioritized is an unknown.

IV. Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Hancock, seconded by Commissioner Monaghan, and unanimously approved to go into *Executive Session* to discuss legal and contractual matters.

VI. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____, 2008

Secretary

