

# Charleston County Council – Committee Meeting

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## Meeting Highlights

An **Executive Session** was held before the committee meetings to discuss contracts.

### **Environmental Management**

A report from County Staff was given to explain how the various waste facilities are utilized. This was in response to a previous request to know how debris from storms are handled without overwhelming the landfill at Bee's Ferry. Significant: a property on 17 South will be developed for better access to be used for burning vegetative debris. Members wanted to be clear that it would not be a landfill and that after burning all ash would be transported to another disposal facility and the land left "as found."

### **Planning/Public Works**

Discussion of a request to allow certain types of properties to be built on land that is zoned business in a residential area. There is a dispute between land owner and the residents. Despite an initial recommendation to deny the request, the decision on the proposal was deferred 60 days to see whether an agreement could be reached.

### **Finance**

All items were approved to move forward to the County Council and appear on the upcoming Oct 10, 2017 Council meeting agenda (see attached). Significant discussion:

- A resident requested a waiver for a BZA appeal. While members expressed concern that this could set a precedent, the request was approved, against the recommendation of County Staff.
- Committee voted to approve writing a letter of financial support for a Tiger Grant that the City of Charleston will be submitting to build a separate bike/ped bridge over the Ashley River, connecting the West Ashley Greenway to Lockwood Drive. Support will match money spend by the City of Charleston and Charleston Moves on the project up to \$3 million.
- Two financial incentive packages were considered; some discussion regarding why a locally owned and operated business was being given incentives to purchase their own property and expand their business. County Staff said that they were trying to change the pattern of only offering incentives to large corporations moving into the area. The

other incentive package is to go to a large corporation that will be expanding but not providing many more jobs, as most of the expansion will be automated manufacturing. Both were approved.

Note:

- County Council Committee meetings ([video feed of meeting](#))
- The Agenda for the upcoming October 10, 2017 meeting is separately attached to this post.