

Charleston County Committee Meetings

October 19, 2017

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Meeting Highlights

Public Safety Committee

Agenda

Presentation on request for a helicopter by the Sheriff's office. Sheriff's Office has an Air Support Unit, and this is the only such unit on the SC coastline. It supports other counties along the coastline as well. Currently the ASU has multiple helicopters, all Vietnam era. They brought information on purchasing a new or a used (3300 hours) helicopter for approval. There was considerable discussion over whether to buy used or new, due to safety considerations, but no reference to any objective evaluation of the safety of the models of the helicopters. The Committee voted to refer to the Finance Committee for purchase.

Planning/Public Works Committee

Agenda

Parkers Ferry Overlay District: discussion centered on short-term vs long-term impacts. Some of the areas labeled "small acreage" were over 100 acres. Some concern is over proximity of services. Some concern was stated about potential for large, high-density (>1 home per acre) development in what is now a rural area. Staff member made the point that this step is part of a years-long process. Consideration of precedent was also raised.

- A) Moved to approve Phase 1, passed
- B) Moved to disapprove Phase 2, passed
- C) Moved to send to Phase 3 to Planning Commission, passed

Deed Restrictions on County-owned 17 South Property: to use as temporary disposal site for debris storage and reduction (i.e., burning) after major storms. Issue brought today is recommending the **removal** of deed restrictions that prevent this use and also to allow for building an access road. Objection was raised during discussion because removing the deed restrictions also could impact allowed usage if the property is sold.

Community concerns are related to smoke related to burning activity and also the possibility of allowing solid waste disposal/storage. Air curtain incinerators (proposed for this use) were explained, and they are engineered to reduce the smoke release from burning debris. Prohibitions of solid waste disposal are to remain in place. Anything that is not vegetative waste can only be stored/processed temporarily and would have to be moved to another storage area in a timely manner. This parcel also meets the 1000 foot buffer requirements for burning. Request to amend the motion to **modify** rather than **remove** deed restrictions.

Environmental Management Committee: [agenda](#); No business. Meeting canceled.

Finance Committee

See [agenda](#).

- Consent Agenda approved.
- Disability and Special Needs Board member nominations. Applicants Gadsen, Preston, and Cameron were present and spoke. Other individuals were nominated as well. Adieu (sp?), Gadsden, and Preston were voted for approval for appointment. This vote is also slated on the agenda for the Oct 24th County Council meeting (item #16).
- Item #4 (Environmental Management Fee) was not addressed.

Mr. Rawl, in comments, asked for a full report on costs of current situation, including reimbursement for Sheriff County's services in other Counties. Also expressed concern that County is using private contractors rather than National Guard mechanical work, etc. In essence, wants more data for the next Finance Committee meeting in two weeks.

Note: All items discussed and voted on for approval are included on the Oct 24, 2017 County Council [Agenda](#) for readings, requests for approval/authorization, appointment, or award of contract.