

**CITY OF COLUMBIA
ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT
DECEMBER 17, 2013 – 10:00 A.M.
CITY HALL 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
1737 MAIN STREET**



Members of the Columbia City Council conducted an Environment and Infrastructure Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The Honorable Tameika Isaac Devine (Chair) called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. The Honorable Leona K. Plaugh and The Honorable Cameron A. Runyan were present.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

1. [Water and Sewer Line Warranty Program](#)

Ms. Shannon Lizewski, Contracts Administrator for the Utilities and Engineering Department presented the draft Request for Proposals for the Water and Sewer Line Warranty Program. Three (3) proposals will be submitted for a sole endorsement of the program to cover the cost of repairs for the customer's water service line. The city will not use any logo or customer data as part of the endorsement. She said the city is responsible for the water and sewer line up to the meter; if the sewer fails, then the customer is responsible for managing the repairs.

Councilor Runyan asked about the average cost for repairs.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering said it's contingent on the type of repairs needed; it can range from \$100 to \$1000.

Councilor Plaugh asked if the service covers inside of the home.

Mr. Joey Jaco, Director of Utilities and Engineering said it covers up to the connection point of the internal plumbing; it will stop at the structure.

Ms. Shannon Lizewski, Contracts Administrator presented the residential [Proposed Change Up Program](#). She said the name changed from "Operation Round Up" to the "Change Up Program". The program is designed to provide water and sewer customers with financial assistance by paying their past due water and sewer bill. Eligible customers will receive up to \$100 once a year; no more than two (2) times in a 36 month period. The department proposed to first launch the local assistance program and later move to the international component. The Community Development Department will be responsible for the expansion of the guidelines to ensure consistency and distribution of the materials.

There was a consensus of the committee to move forward with issuing the Request for Proposals for the Warranty Program and to proceed with the next steps for the Change Up Program.

2. [Event Recycling](#)

Ms. Tiffany Jasper, Recycling Coordinator for Public Works introduced the fundamentals of special event recycling. She said the bins are available free of charge. She said in an effort to raise awareness and to guide applicants to recycling coordination options, the Climate Protection Action Committee recommended that the recycling plan be added to the city's temporary beer & wine permit application and to the hospitality tax funding application.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Director of Public Works said there are approximately 80% participants that recycle on a weekly basis; therefore, workflow has increased. The current curbside recycling containers are 18 gallons. The proposed curbside recycling recommendations include: 1) conversion from 18 to 96 gallon containers; 2) change the collection vehicles to automated/semi-automated; and 3) improve route productivity.

There was a consensus of the committee to add the special event recycling plan to the City's Temporary Beer & Wine Permit and the Hospitality Tax Funding Applications.

- **The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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