



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020 | 5th Meeting

The Committee will meet in the Mauldin City Hall at 5 East Butler Road in the Council Chambers at 6 p.m.

Please note that members of the public may attend this meeting in-person, but are encouraged to participate remotely. The meeting will be available remotely through Webex. Please visit the City's website at <https://cityofmauldin.org/your-government/meeting-minutes-agendas/> to access the meeting via audio and videoconferencing. You may also email comments about specific items on the agenda to City Clerk Cindy Miller at cmiller@mauldincitysc.com. Comments emailed about specific agenda items prior to 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 will be read during the Public Comment segment of the meeting.



AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order** Mayor Merritt, Acting Chair

- 2. Public Comment**

- 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Public Works Committee Meeting: June 1, 2020 (Pages 2-4)

- 4. Reports or Communications from City Officers**
 - a. Department Reports
 - i. Public Works Director Matthew Fleahman

- 5. Unfinished Business** Mayor Merritt, Acting Chair

- 6. New Business** Mayor Merritt, Acting Chair
 - a. Request from Bent Brook Town Houses to Amend Sanitation Ordinance 34-5 (Pages 5-7)

- 7. Public Comment**

- 8. Committee Concerns**

- 9. Adjourn**

Public Works Committee Meeting



Minutes
Public Works Committee
June 1, 2020
6:00 p.m.
5th committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Mayor Terry Merritt, Committee members Carol King and Michael Reynolds. Public Works Director Matt Fleahman and City Administrator Brandon Madden were also present.

1. Call to Order- Mayor Merritt
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - b. Public Works Committee Meeting: May 4, 2020
Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - b. Department Reports

City Administrator Madden said he is working with Mr. Ireland on the easement for Brookbend Road.

The Municipal Match for City owned streets will be sent as soon as the budget is approved. The road inventory is ongoing to measure our roads and comprise a report.

Public Works Director Matthew Fleahman

Budget Review- The budget is on track.

Mr. Madden said there has been a lot of brush put out this year. Mr. Fleahman reported that just trash alone is an additional 150 tons over this time last year. Brush loads from last April was 52 loads and this April was 122 loads. Mr. Fleahman said the department is very aware that everyone has brush out. Eventually the department will catch up.

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Mayor Merritt said he received a call from a resident that the new boom truck and operator is great. The resident took his broom out to sweep up any leftover debris, and there was no debris. Everything was picked up.

Mr. Fleahman said Public Works has not had inmates since March, and hopefully they will come back in July. Public Works is having some staffing issues. The employees are having to go on the back of trash trucks.

Councilman Reynolds asked about the storm drainage project. Mr. Fleahman said a big trench has been set between the two ball fields. Duke Power will disconnect a line so that we can put our excavator in. The other two catch basins should go in by the end of the week. Recreation has been asked to suspend baseball activity at Springfield for a while. Mr. Fleahman was worried about the liability.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business- None

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns

Mayor Merritt said there is some drainage coming off the Sports Center parking lot to the houses on Mauldin Circle. Mr. Fleahman said there are no stormwater controls behind the Sports Center. This item will come back to committee next month.

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Councilwoman King asked if the stormwater advisory committee item was supposed to be on the agenda for tonight. Mayor Merritt said he rescinded his motion at the Council meeting. Originally this item was placed on the PW agenda, but he asked that it be taken off for the moment.

9. Adjourn- Chairman Mayor Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: July 6, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 6a

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Public Works Director, Matthew Fleahman

SUBJECT: Request from Bent Brook Town Houses to Amend Sanitation Ordinance 34-5

REQUEST

To request City Council's direction regarding a request for an amendment to Sanitation Ordinance 34-5 for the Bent Brook Town Houses, so that Public Works can pick up trash cans placed inside a dumpster shelter on private property.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The City of Mauldin modified its Solid Waste Ordinance in 2008 in order to eliminate dumpster pick by the Sanitation Department. At that time, the City provided service to approximately 12 customers. Bent Brook Town Houses was one of the 12 customers. The City provided a 30-day notice to the customers to seek out a new service provider. Bent Brook HOA president MJ Seeche requested a 90-day extension to this deadline. No action was taken, and dumpster pick up continued for free for five years.

In December of 2013, Public Works Director Michael Lambert identified this oversight and moved forward on behalf of the City to rectify the issue. The dumpster was removed, and Bent Brook Town Houses was told to purchase nine (9) cans. Mr. Seeche on behalf of the HOA argued against paying; however, he eventually conceded and purchased the cans in two payment installments.



Bent Brook Town Homes has subsequently purchased two (2) additional cans and stores all of them inside a wooden dumpster shelter at the rear of the property. This issue is now coming to council because residents at the Bent Brook Town Homes have been disposing of loose hypodermic needles which have been falling out of the cans when the truck dumps them. These needles are a violation of the Solid Waste Ordinance and a potential hazard to our City employees. When the violation was brought the HOA, MJ Seeche became combative to both the Sanitation Supervisor and the City's Code Enforcement Officer. This escalation engaged the Public Works Director's involvement, which then identified the current violations of the City of Mauldin's Solid Waste Ordinance.

ANALYSIS or STAFF FINDINGS

In accordance with Sanitation Ordinance 34-5 (d), "All garbage and refuse receptacles must be brought to the public street curb or ditch line adjacent to a driveway on the designated day. Receptacles not so located when the city truck services the street shall not be emptied." Bent Brook Town Houses is not set up like other Town Houses in the City, and only has one entrance off Miller Road. Additionally, the setup of the townhomes is such that there is not space for each townhome to have its own trash can. To empty cans, the City trash truck is required to back into the property and all the way to the backside of the parking lot, in order to retrieve the cans in the dumpster storage area. This current pick up method is in violation of the City Ordinance.

While Bent Brook Town Houses has a dumpster area on the back side of the private property, they have been dumping bulk items along Miller Road in the Right-of-Way. During negotiations with the HOA, Bent Brook Town Houses committed to expanding the dumpster area within six (6) months to include a bulk item area if the Solid Waste Ordinance is amended. Should Council amend the ordinance, Public Works could service the bulk items placed in the dumpster area.

TIMELINE

If City Council approves the amendment, trash pick-up will continue from the dumpster area on private property effective immediately. If the variance is not approved, the HOA will be required to line up the cans along Miller Road for curb-side pick-up, beginning the next trash day (Tuesday) after the variance denial.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff will enforce the City's ordinance as currently provided. However, both stopping and backing in from Miller Road as well as stopping and dumping cans along Miller Road present risks to City employees and equipment.

Sec. 34-5. - Receptacles.

(a)

Generally. All single-family residences and small business in the city, including townhouses, condominiums, duplexes, and all apartment complexes with less than nine units, shall purchase and use city-approved receptacles or carts for the disposal of normal household garbage, refuse and recyclable materials. The city has available for purchase garbage and recycle receptacles and carts. Receptacles must be brought to the curb or ditch line before 7:30 a.m. on the scheduled collection day and removed from the curb or ditch line before 12:00 midnight of the scheduled collection day.

(b)

Certain deposits prohibited.

(1)

No dirt, rocks, yard waste or construction materials as described in [section 34-7](#) shall be put in city approved receptacles.

(2)

No oil, batteries, or hazardous waste of any type shall be put in city-approved receptacles or along the curbside.

(c)

Responsibility of resident. The resident or small business shall be responsible for the replacement of any stolen, damaged, or abused receptacle. The city will not be responsible for any stolen, damaged, or abused receptacles or carts.

(d)

Accessibility. All garbage and refuse receptacles must be brought to the public street curb or ditch line adjacent to a driveway on the designated day. Receptacles not so located when the city truck services the street shall not be emptied.

(e)

Back door service. Residences where no one is physically able to roll the city-provided receptacles to the street for collection will be extended back door service. Applications for back door service will be subject to approval of the city verifying such request.

(Code 1994, §§ 19-5—19-10; Ord. No. 487, 10-26-1998; Ord. No. 500, § 1(19-5, 19-7), 6-21-1999; Ord. No. 581, § 1(19-5—19-10), 6-16-2003; Ord. No. 760, 12-16-2013)