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AGENDA  
COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY  
WORKSHOP

TOPIC: STORMWATER UTILITY FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM

Thursday, January 22, 2015

12:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Administration Building

Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex

100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort

1. CALL TO ORDER – 12:30 P.M.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. INTRODUCTIONS
  - A. Discussion of Key Issues by Gary Kubic, County Administrator
  - B. Introduction of Participants (Council Members, County Staff, Consulting Team)
  - C. Review of workshop's agenda and goals
4. OVERVIEW OF BEAUFORT COUNTY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN - 1:00 P.M.
  - A. Evaluation and update of 2006 Stormwater Master Plan
    1. Capital projects
  - B. Expansion of stormwater services via update of the Level of Service and Extent of Service policies
    1. Manpower needs (Management, Regulatory, and Infrastructure crews)
    2. Equipment needs
  - C. MS4 Permit compliance, development of revised Stormwater Ordinances and BMP Manual update
5. THE NEW MS4 PROGRAM - 1:45 P.M.
  - A. History – 2003 to Present Phase II Small MS4 SCDHEC General Permit
  - B. General MS4 Permit requirements – Key elements of NOI submitted to DHEC
  - C. Obligations of the MS4 Permit and implementation of regulatory mandated timeline



6. PROGRAM COSTS - 2:05 p.m.
  - A. Trends on expenses and revenue over life of the Stormwater Utility
  - B. Anticipated operational costs for Stormwater Utility for next five years
    1. Operational cost (staff, equipment, MS4 permit compliance)
    2. Capital Improvements
7. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS - 2:30 P.M.
  - A. Main elements of current IGA and MOU agreements already in place
  - B. Current issues related to implementation of the IGAs
  - C. Current and potential cost sharing of MS4 requirements via IGAs and MOUs to maximize Intergovernmental participation in key stormwater initiatives
  - D. Impact to proposed program elements and costs
8. BREAK – 3:00 p.m.
9. FUNDING STUDY RESULTS/FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS - 3:15 P.M.
  - A. Proposed expansion of credits program and impact on revenue
  - B. Options for funding Stormwater Utility Operations costs
    1. Implementing an increase with the current rate structure
    2. Alternative structure(s)
      - a. County surcharge
      - b. Watershed models
  - C. Options for funding Stormwater Capital costs
    1. "Pay as you go" – use current resources and revenue stream
    2. Issuance of G.O. and/or revenue bonds
  - D. Discussion of options
    1. Impact on current Stormwater Utility rates
    2. Revenues that could be generated
    3. Benchmarking of rates compared to peer utilities
10. DECISION POINT - KEY ITEMS TO COMPLETE TO MOVE THE STORMWATER PROGRAM FORWARD - 4:30 P.M.
  - A. Expansion of services within Stormwater Infrastructure
  - B. "Ramp up" Stormwater Program to comply with MS4 mandated time lines for implementation by creation of necessary elements of MS4 program (*e.g.* new ordinances, programs, update BMP manual, etc.)
  - C. Review and update of Stormwater Master Plan and create updated Capital Plan
  - D. Revisiting IGAs to correct inequalities in jurisdiction, to cost share MS4 requirements when possible, and to implement common Stormwater goals
  - E. Review and update the Stormwater fee structure by developing funding concepts, timing and determining how to budget operational and capital costs and/or increase and funding scenarios (*debt vs. paygo*)
11. WRAP-UP (QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS) - 4:45 P.M.
12. ADJOURNMENT – 5:00 P.M.