

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**May 8, 2017**

Items Considered: 9; Items Approved: 9

**Distribution/Collection**

The Utility Commission authorized the execution of various agreements regarding proposed water and/or sanitary sewer improvements installed within various developments. The total estimated cost of all water improvements is \$90,310 and the total cost of all sewer improvements is \$136,290.

		<b>Estimated Costs</b>	
<u>Project</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
11783	Chelsea Village II	\$36,040	\$63,180
12208	Hindu Temple	0	65,510
12239	Bee Safe Self Storage	3,990	0
12247	Wyngate Village, Phase 2, Section VI	34,050	41,920
12248	Meadowlark Estates	<u>16,230</u>	<u>24,680</u>
<b>Total:</b>		\$90,310	\$136,290

The Utility Commission authorized acquisition of easements by deed or condemnation for the **Liberty Street Sewer Replacement** project in the amount of \$47,125.

The Utility Commission approved Task Order No. 2C with **HDR Constructors, Inc.** to administer and construct **Liberty Street Sewer Replacement** in the amount of \$1,574,000.

The Utility Commission awarded a contract to **K and T Construction Company, RLLP** for the 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Tobaccoville Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation project for the total estimated award amount of \$367,959.

The Utility Commission awarded a contract to **O'Brien Southern Trenching, Inc.** for the **Motor Road Water Main Improvements** in the amount of \$211,046.

**General**

The Utility Commission approved the minutes from the April 10, 2016 commission meeting.

The Utility Commission confirmed assessment rolls containing certain agreements requesting financing payments for water and/or sewer special privilege charges and main line capital charges. The five property owners contained within these rolls waived their right to a public hearing.

**Water & Sewer Rates**

The Utility Commission approved the FY2017-18 City/County Utility Commission Water and Sewer Operations and Capital Budget and recommended adoption by the City Council. In this proposed budget, the overall operations budget of \$91.9 million increases by \$8,314,390 from FY2016-17. This increase is primarily due to a \$7,355,690 in additional debt service costs for state loan repayments and a new revenue bond issuance in fall of 2017. The proposed operating budget includes an increase in personnel expenses of \$988,870. The Commission also approved a 4.0% increase in the water volumetric rate and 6.0% increase for sewer with a \$3.26 bi-monthly increase on base rates for the average customer effective October 1, 2017. The capital plan budget includes budget year appropriations of \$78,828,650 and multi-year funding for the six-year planning window through FY2022-23 of \$302,232,350. The planning for the Muddy Creek, Salem Creek, and South Fork basins has been completed and some significant capital projects within each basin have been identified. Continued focus is on prioritizing projects to minimize water outages due to main breaks in the distribution system and reduce sanitary sewer overflows and sewer backups that occur in the wastewater collection system.

**Solid Waste Rates**

The Utility Commission approved the FY2017-18 City/County Utility Commission Solid Waste Operations and Capital Budget and recommended adoption by the City Council. Disposal rates at the Hanes Mill Road Landfill will remain unchanged at \$34 per ton and volume discount users will remain unchanged at \$32 a ton. The flat rates charged to ½ ton pick-ups and small trailers will be \$13 per vehicle, a \$1 increase, and the minimum is increased from \$9 to \$10. The disposal rate at the Old Salisbury Road Landfill for construction and demolition debris will be \$32 a ton, a \$1 increase. The flat rates charged to ½ ton pickups and small trailers at that site will be \$15 per vehicle, a \$3 increase, and the minimum is increased from \$7 to \$10. An additional \$2 per ton state disposal tax is collected on behalf of the State of North Carolina at Hanes Mill Road and Old Salisbury Road, but is not applied to the composting sites. Rates at the Overdale and Forum 52 yard-waste facilities will be \$31 a ton, a \$1 increase. Disposal rates will increase effective July 1, 2017. Revenue from Forsyth County covers 100% of the county drop-off and school recycling program. Transfers from the City stormwater fund, and water and sewer funds are budgeted to cover the household hazardous waste management program with the exception of electronics recycling. Overall, the budget includes a net contribution of \$225,450 to the solid waste fund balance.