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CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION AGENDA
May 25, 2021

STATEMENT OF MEDIA NOTIFICATION

"In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, all local media was duly notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting."

WORKSESSION - City Hall, Planning Conference Room, 1st Floor - 5:00 PM

Please note, this meeting will be broadcasted via zoom and live streamed on Facebook. You can view the meeting at the City's page; City Beaufort SC

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Stephen D. Murray III, Mayor

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Interviews of Applicants for Boards and Commissions
- B. Update on Major Projects by Dominion Energy

III. PRESENTATION

A. Update on plans for changes to Solid Waste Services

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to Title 30, Chapter 4, Section (70) (a) (1) of the South Carolina Code of Law: Discussion regarding Personnel - Boards and Commissions

V. ADJOURN



CITY OF BEAUFORT
DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: CITY COUNCIL **DATE:** 5/18/2021
FROM: Bill Prokop, City Manager
AGENDA ITEM
TITLE: Update on Major Projects by Dominion Energy
MEETING
DATE: 5/25/2021
DEPARTMENT: City Managers Office

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Presenters for Dominion Energy will be Mark Branham, Matt Talley, Even Wheeler and Blakely Williams.

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: Discussion

REMARKS:



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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Presentation will be given by David Wilhelm, Capital Projects Director and Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator - Engineering with Beaufort County.

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REMARKS:

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Presentation	Backup Material	5/19/2021

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING ENTERPRISE FUND



WHY ALL THE CHANGES?

- Obligation to make the most out of the tax dollars entrusted to us and to be good stewards to our environment
- The cost to manage solid waste is increasing every year. Currently solid waste is viewed as a byproduct. We have the opportunity to shift our viewpoint to use it as a resource



WHAT IS AN ENTERPRISE FUND / PURPOSE OF AN ENTERPRISE FUND

- Enterprise funds are independent, self-sustaining funds supported primarily by user fees to pay for a specific service or activity.
- The main purpose of a solid waste & recycling enterprise fund is to identify and isolate solid waste system costs and revenues to increase financial accountability and transparency.



SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Management of nine convenience centers
- Payment of tipping fees for all **RESIDENTIAL** solid waste including household waste, yard waste, and construction/demolition waste
- Management of county-wide recycling programs
- Education and public awareness
- Environmental stewardship
- Full-time litter control team



SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING PROGRAM COSTS

FY22 BUDGET **\$10,300,000**

- \$4.5m – Landfill disposal fees
- \$2.5m – Operation of convenience centers (hauling, labor, maintenance, repairs)
- \$1.5m – Personnel
- \$1m – Recycling program



ENTERPRISE FUND FEE OPTIONS

Option 1: Flat fee

With this option, a flat fee would be assessed annually to all residential housing units regardless of the property value. Program costs are a result of the volume of waste generated. The volume of waste generated is not dependent upon the value of the property. The logic of this option is everyone would pay the same amount since everyone generates the same volume of waste.

Option 2: Millage

This option would assess a fee based on tax millage rates. Consistent with the funding mechanism for all County services, the solid waste & recycling enterprise fee would be fully funded by assessing the appropriate millage rate to each property.

Option 3: Pay for Use

This option would charge a fee for the amount of waste generate on a per use basis. There is not enough data presently accurately determine what the costs would be to sustain the program.



CURRENT STATUS

- Beaufort County Council adopted an ordinance on June 8, 2020, creating the enterprise fund. At the time the ordinance was adopted the fee structure was to be determined.
- A consultant (TischlerBise) presented a fee study report to the Public Facilities Committee on January 19, 2021.
- First reading of County Council to adopt a solid waste and recycling fee ordinance was approved March 21st
- Second reading of the ordinance was approved by County Council on April 12th.
- County Council approved a revised first reading to establish a millage based fee structure on April 26th.
- Third and final reading to adopt the enterprise fund fee structure is scheduled for May 24th.



FORWARD THINKING

WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE IN 5 – 10 – 25 YEARS?

1. Maximize recycling efforts in a cost effective manner
2. Develop a long-range plan to manage solid waste cost effectively and in an environmentally sustainable manner
3. Provide a cost effective and operationally efficient convenience center system
4. Implementation of a “Zero Waste” initiative



QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

