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Dates and Announcements

- *City Council will hold its regular meeting Monday, September 14, @ 1:00pm in the Council Chambers*
- *The next City of Florence Update on the Kinard n' Koffee radio show is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, @ 8:10am*
- *The City of Florence offices will be closed Friday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day*

Renovation of McQueen Street Water Main Completed

The utility department pipelaying crew has previously replaced old, small-diameter water lines in the 200 and 400 blocks of North McQueen Street. This crew completed a replacement project for a small cast iron line in the 300 block of North McQueen Street. Internal corrosion of this line had rendered it incapable of providing adequate flow and pressure to residents on the street. Approximately 450 linear feet of new PVC pipe have now been installed by the crew. Sterilizing and testing was completed on August 20th, at which time customers can be tied to the new line. This will make adequate flow and pressure available to the customers on the block.

The crew's next water main project will be the extension of a 6-inch diameter line on DeJongh Street to provide fire flow in the block between South Irby Street and Coit Street. DeJongh Street does not currently have a main large enough to support fire flows.

PHASE I EXTENSION FOR U.S. HIGHWAY #301 BYPASS WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN

Bids have been received, and a contract is being awarded, for an extension of the City's 30-inch diameter water transmission main along the Bypass. The project will be awarded to the low bidder, DS Utilities, Inc. of Little Mountain, SC in the amount of \$1,180,352. The work will be funded, in part, by an EPA grant of \$433,000, with the balance coming from the City's water and sewer utility construction account. The anticipated start date for construction is mid-September, 2009. The project should be completed by February, 2010.

Approximately 7,000 feet of 30" line will be extended along the Bypass from East Palmetto Street to the intersection with South Wallace Road. From this point, 1,200 feet of 6-inch diameter connector line will be installed along South Wallace Road to connect to the existing system. Also included in the project will be construction of approximately 8,900 feet of 12-inch diameter water line along National Cemetery Road and an interconnection of the existing 30-inch transmission main with an 8-inch water line at the intersection of Old Marion Highway and SC Highway #327. These line extensions will improve delivery of water from the surface water plant to the system and will also eliminate three dead-end lines, where lower pressures and rusty water conditions are more likely to occur.

Future extensions are planned along the Bypass and will come in phases, as funding permits. The transmission main will eventually reach connection points along the Bypass as far south as the intersection at Irby Street and Third Loop Road. This will allow the surface water plant to provide primary water service and backup for the groundwater plants in approximately 75% of the city distribution system.

Grant Funded Projects

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, the City of Florence completed several grant funded projects and now continues to administer an even greater number at the beginning of the new fiscal year. The following table includes those grant funded projects that were completed last year (including one grant funded loan), and those that are currently managed by City staff (including two grant funded loans):

Grant Funded Projects

	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Purpose of Grant/Loan</u>	<u>Funds Awarded</u>
1	Circle Park	Grant - Mitigation of Underage Alcohol Consumption	\$ 11,769
2	Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation	Grant - Relocation & Construction of Humane Society	\$ 250,000
3	Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation	Grant - Tennis Activity Center	\$ 1,500,000
4	EPA	Grant - 301 Bypass Transmission Main	\$ 433,700
5	EPA	Grant - Bush Site Cleanup	\$ 200,000
6	EPA	Grant - Environmental Assessment	\$ 200,000
7	Florence County	Grant - Tennis Center Complex Cost Share	\$ 522,000
8	Florence School District One	Grant - Cost Share for School Resource Officers & Equip.	\$ 328,266
9	HUD	Grant - Funding for Barnes Street Community Activity Ctr.	\$ 147,000
10	HUD	Loan - Section 108, Barnes Street & Levy Park	\$ 1,000,000
11	HUD	Grant - 2009 Entitlement	\$ 337,505
12	HUD	Grant - 2008 CDBG ARRA Grant - City Infrastructure	\$ 90,647
13	HUD	Grant - NSP-1 Property Purchase & Rehab	\$ 1,000,000
14	SC Municipal Ins. Trust	Grant - Vests and Tasers	\$ 1,250
15	SC State Revolving Fund	Loan - ARRA Funding - Wastewater Mgt. Facility	\$ 4,000,000
16	SCDHEC	Loan - Additional funding to cleanup Bush property	\$ 1,025,000
17	SCDHEC	Grant - Rail Trail Operation & Maintenance	\$ 21,023
18	SCDHEC	Grant - Compost Facility Paving	\$ 39,780
19	SCDHEC	Grant - To Purchase Fluoridation Equipment	\$ 5,862
20	SCDOT	Grant - Street Signage Enhancement	\$ 40,000
21	SCDOT	Grant - Lucas Street Landscaping & Beautification	\$ 155,308
22	SCDPS	Grant - Highway Safety Grant	\$ 20,000
23	South Carolina State Housing	Grant - North Pointe Subdivision Construction	\$ 301,103
24	South Carolina State Housing	Grant - HAPP - Down Payment & Closing Costs Assistance	\$ 185,000
25	US Department of Agriculture	Grant - Construction of Breezeway, Parking Area, & Alley	\$ 300,000
26	USDOJ	Grant - Purchase of Electric Police Vehicle	\$ 18,237
27	USDOJ	Grant - UHP - Funding for Three Police Officers	\$ 255,000
28	USDOJ	Grant - ARRA - COPS (CHRP) Five Police Officers	\$ 667,430
29	USDOJ	Grant - ARRA - Justice Assistance Grant - Equipment	\$ 248,356
Total			\$ 13,304,236

Completed Projects
