CITY OF DARLINGTON
PUBLIC HEARING
2020-2021 BUDGET
THURSDAY JUNE 25, 2020
BALDWIN GYM 6 PM

1. Welcome- Mayor Curtis Boyd
2. Prayer- Mayor Curtis Boyd
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Opening Remarks- Mayor Curtis Boyd
5. Public Comment- 2020-2021 Budget
6. Adjourn

To: Darlington City Council
From: Darlington City Manager
Re: 2020/2021 Budget

The following changes have been made to the 2020-2021 Budget:

The storm water department is now just the storm water fund and can be found on page 65. The proposed storm water fees are as follows: Increase of $2.50 per month per house ($4 to$6.50), and an increase of $3.50 per month per business ($5 to $8.50). We anticipate collecting an additional $88,650. This would be enough funding to cover the bond payment ($180,000), vactor truck payment ($30,000) and allow for $10,650 to be placed in reserve. The vactor truck operator would be an employee from the street department and the assistant would be a water department employee. The revenue line item for storm water has been removed from the general fund revenue list.

All departments have had changes made in salaries as the State of South Carolina is not moving forward with an increase in state retirement contributions. Other expenditure changes have been made as follows:

Legislative 500-215- Traveling Expenses reduced from $7,000 to $1,000 due to elimination of the MASC Annual meeting.

Public Buildings- 580- 381- Building and Fixed Equipment increased from $8,369 to $11,686. 580-288- Paving, C&G, SW- $61,400 be moved to 2020-2021-line item 580-388 Paving, C&G, SW to be added to 2020-2021 total of $61,677 for a total of $123,077.

Planning and Beautification- 590- 273.3- Beautification Board changed from $7,000 to $17,163. Some of the savings from the state retirement contribution were added here.

Police Department- 600-101- Salaries- $6,000 added from 500-215 Traveling Expenses to help with raises for police officers. 600-226- Increased by $15,000 to $90,000 with revenue coming from savings from the state retirement contribution reduction and from elimination of funding for 600-220 Electricity, Water, Gas from $4,000 to $0.

Codes Department 620-272- Special Contracts- Increased from $48,500 to $60,000 with revenue coming from savings from state retirement contribution reduction.

Sanitation Department- 640-101- The city mechanic has been removed from the sanitation department personnel roster.

Garage Department 660- The City mechanic is back in Department 660 as the Storm water department is now the storm water Fund.

Water/Sewer Department- 914T-277- Sewer Bed Repair has been increased to $232,090 with revenue coming from savings from state retirement contribution reduction.

City of Darlington Engineering Projects

East Broad Street Sewer Replacement – RIA Grant

Replace 750 feet of sewer pipe at 20 feet deep, 6 manholes and 20 sewer services. An RIA grant was applied for and will soon be awarded for $500,000.

Estimated cost $1,080,000.

Start Date: October 2020

Completion Date: January 2021

South Darlington Sewer Pump Station Renovations – EDA/RIA Grant

Upgrade sewer pumping stations – Joe Lewis, Altel, Grove Hill, and Main. The Joe Lewis station will be completely demolished and replaced and 3900 feet of new 6" force main will be installed. EDA grant = $1,214,320 RIA Grant = $294,000

Estimated cost $1,530,000.

Start Date: December 2020

Completion Date: September 2021

Farm Street Sewer Overflow Issues – Possible CDBG Grant

Upgrade Allen Street sewer pump station and upgrade downstream sewer pipe segments to clear flows. Preliminary investigations are underway.

Estimated cost not developed.

Project Details

East Broad Street Sewer Replacement – RIA Grant

A section of sewer pipe, at approximately 20' deep, collapsed on East Broad Street between Vaughan and Ervin Streets causing roadway failure. Initially, it was determined that 400 lf of sewer main will have to be replaced (manhole to manhole) , with two new manholes and five new sewer services. An RIA grant was applied for and will soon be awarded for $500,000. The project at that time was estimated to be $750,000 with no engineering design needed.

During the interim between RIA application and Award, more video inspection were made and it was discovered more piping had collapsed beyond the initial scope of project. The new piping cannot be successfully attached to the collapsed piping, so more sewer pipe is planned to be replaced. This increases the scope of the project to replace 750 lf of piping and 20 sewer services to the residents. Also, engineering design is now required to determine how to attach the services to the sewer main that is 20' below ground. It was decided to lay a new 8" sewer line shallow and parallel to the deep sewer main to attach all the services. This new design has been submitted to DHEC for approval. The new construction estimate for this plan is $1,080,000.

South Darlington Sewer Pump Station Renovations – EDA Grant

An EDA grant was awarded for $1,517,900 and an RIA Grant was awarded for $294,000 for this project. The project will upgrade four sewer pumping stations – Joe Lewis, Altel, Grove Hill, and Main. The internal piping in each station will be removed, replaced, and upsized. Each site will have a permanent on-site generator installed. The Joe Lewis station will be completely demolished and replaced. Also, 3900 lf of new 6" force main will be installed from the Joe Lewis station to a manhole at "D" Ave and Third Street. This project is estimated to cost $1,530,000.

Farm Street Sewer Overflow Issues

A shallow existing manhole (18" deep) on Farm Street adjacent to Pine Village overflows during heavy rain events. Sewage flow from this area is designed to flow into the Allen Street sewer pump station and is pumped into an existing gravity sewer main on xx Street. From this point flow goes to a new 10" sewer main on D Avenue. We evaluated the system and determined that the Allen Street sewer pump station is not pumping at design capacity (only one pump) allowing sewer to backup in the manholes. We also noted restricted flow across S. Main and all the way to D Avenue. City repair crews reported completing repairs between S. Main and D Avenue on the old deteriorated concrete sewer main. We sent COG a map of the areas affected so they can the process for a CDGB grant. To address the issue with the shallow manhole on Farm Street, a possible solution is to direct the gravity flow to the nearby Limit Street sewer pump station and reroute the existing sewer force main to a manhole near the Allen Street sewer pump station.