

**MINUTES**  
**WATER SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, June 1, 2006**  
**7:00 PM Town Barn**

Members Present: Dan Barker, Paul Kimple, Katherine Sanders, Jim Singleton and James Watts

Members Absent: three vacant positions

Elected Officials: none

Staff: Kenny Keel and Julie Vance

Visitor(s): none

ITEM #1 Chair Watts called meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

ITEM #2 The blank agenda item (#10) will be used to discuss the changes to the Town Board meeting schedule.

ITEM #3 A motion was made by Kimple and seconded by Barker to accept the  
**MOTION:** May meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM #4 The June Engineering Status Update included briefing on the following:

- The Water Plant is now compliant with TTHMs. The average results
- The Reservoir is still full, but we have gone into the first stage of water restrictions on withdrawal from the Eno River. We are limited to withdrawing 1.5 MG and currently that is not a problem. Lake Orange is also full at this time.
- A large unaccounted for water source was discovered at Hillsborough Business Center. The 2" meter was not only old, it was discovered that the bypass was partially open. Their average monthly bill was for approximately 150,000 gals/month. After the bypass was closed and a new meter was installed, it was discovered that after 4 days, they had already used 150,000 gallons.
- Cates Creek Outfall easements for phase 1 of construction have been secured and recorded. There is only one left to acquire for phase 2. The pre-construction conference was held last week and construction will begin shortly.
- The company conducting the I/I study, discovered a collapsed sewer pipe downtown behind Suntrust between Corbin and Cameron. Crews hope to have it fixed shortly as soon as all utilities in the area have been identified.

ITEM #5 Town Board Update:  
May 8 – Sanders

- WWTP Study by CH2M Hill was approved. They will be examining the plant for upgrade and expansion options. As part of the study, they will also be looking at the option of pumping our wastewater flow to Durham for treatment and closing the plant.

May 22 – Kimple

- The meeting dealt primarily about FY07 budget questions and concerns.

**ITEM #6** Minutes from the May Strategic Growth Plan Steering Committee were passed around to the committee members. This meeting concentrated on transportation. A point brought up during the meeting was that 75% of all Hillsborough residents commute to work outside of the area according to census. The community should not expect an improvement with the road systems in the near future, because even if they expanded them, the population is growing so much faster, that the difference will not be noticed.

Maps were examined at the last meeting to pick out areas for possible future growth, which was also dependant on the availability of water. Currently there is more land available for houses than there is water to supply the users. Maps were then distributed to discuss desired locations of houses, should water not be an issue. Most of the desired locations were on 86 South towards Chapel Hill. Hillsborough considers itself a Bedroom community and encourages more houses to be built which begins the process of attracting more businesses to the area to fulfill the needs of the residents.

**ITEM #7** The Town Board felt that staff had done a good job with the budget. The only thing they felt we could possibly cut would be to eliminate a 350,000 loan to purchase generators for the remaining pump stations on the system. They did not suggest cutting it, just delaying the process until January 2007. The current budget forecast is projecting at a small increase over the next few years. The Board is also investigating increasing rates in July and January should the need arise.

**Resolution:** The Water Sewer Advisory Committee supports rate increases that: (1) support the needs of the utilities; and (2) provide for or accommodate gradual small increments annually, instead of having one or two large and/or unanticipated rate hikes in the near future.

Additionally, the Committee encourages a rate increase that takes into account potential lower consumer usage to eliminate the need for more than one rate increase during the fiscal year.

Lastly, The Committee encourages funding the purchase of the additional generators at the remaining pump stations to protect the Town from spill related fines and to protect our established pristine Hillsborough environment.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Kimple and seconded by Sanders to publish the above resolution in support of a utility rate increase. The motion passed unanimously.

- ITEM #8 Item was tabled until the July 6, 2006 meeting.
- ITEM #9 The committee decided to interview Sergio R at the next committee meeting in July. Staff will notify him and make sure he is able to attend. They also decided to take no action on the Arthur S application until he lives in the area.
- ITEM #10 The spots left vacant by the resignation of Johnson and Cole were filled by volunteers from the committee. Watts will email an updated copy to all committee members.
- ITEM#10A Barker has suggested adding to July's agenda the investigation of creative funding methods for the utilities department.
- ITEM #11 Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Kimple seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.
- MOTION:**

Respectfully submitted,  
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