

**MINUTES  
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2008—6 PM  
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM—2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CITY HALL**

The Facilities Committee met on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 6:00 P. M. and reports the following items for City Council's consideration:

Council Members Present:   John Howren, Chairman  
                                      Councilman Dave Kirlin  
                                      Councilman James Watson

Chairman Howren called the meeting to order.

**ITEM 1: OFFER TO PURCHASE CITY PROPERTY  
PID 114983 (414 Robinwood Road)**

John Michael Delaney placed a bid on this property in the amount of \$15,000. This property is .35 of an acre left over from road improvements to Robinwood Road.

and

**ITEM 2: OFFER TO PURCHASE  
TAX PARCEL PID 114982 (1460 Robinwood Road)**

John Michael Delaney placed a bid on this property in the amount of \$3,000. This property is .1 of an acre left over from road improvements to Robinwood Road.

Chairman Howren recognized Ms. Melissa Magee, Assistant City Attorney.

Ms. Magee said the issue came up that these properties were purchased with Bond proceeds. She staff was trying to get some more information from Bond counsel about the affect that they were purchased with Bond proceeds had on the method of sale. She said that one issue was that since the bonds were still outstanding and since they are tax exempt bonds that in order to protect their tax exempt status there may be some things that necessary to do in the process of the sale.

The Committee voted unanimously to postpone Items 1 and 2 until Bond counsel responded to questions regarding the tax-exempt status of these properties and until such time that a current appraisal of the properties could be provided.

**No Council action is necessary at this time.**

**ITEM 3: ROLLOUT CART SERVICE TO  
MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS**

The City of Gastonia provides Solid Wastes service to multi-family residential units via bulk containers as outlined in Sec. 11-61 (Bulk Containers). Recently, several new complexes have refused this service and elected to receive (rollout) service from a private contractor at their own expense.

The Solid Waste Division received a request to review the feasibility of providing rollout cart services to multi-family residential units.

Staff's recommendation is that this service be granted, provided that (1) that all units are located on public streets, and (2) they are located on separately deeded lots. All multi-family units will have to abide by the rules and regulations as written in Sec. 11-60 (Rollout Containers) of the City of Gastonia Codes of Ordinances.

Staff also recommends Sec. 11-61 be revised as shown on the attached Exhibit, which addresses rollout curbside service for multi-family units.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Committee voted unanimously to approve staff's recommendation as presented.**

**NECESSARY ACTION:**

**Approve or deny Committee's recommendation.**

**ITEM 4: OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Jim Palenick, City Manager, and Mr. Flip Bombardier, Assistant City Manager, provided information on the rising costs of solid waste collection and disposal. Discussion involved the overall operational approach to collection services as related to environmental and recycling objectives.

Staff recommended that the issue continue to be explored in greater detail and brought back to the Committee at a later date.