



**Committee on Planning & Development**

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## **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Agenda Item No.                     PWI-4                     Meeting Date:           December 2, 2014          

### REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

To: Fred Payne, Chairman, Committee on Public Works and Infrastructure  
From: Paula Gucker, Assistant County Administrator, Department of Community Planning and Development  
Department: Legal

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**Item Title:** Request approval to relocate unidentified graves to a cemetery

**Action Taken by Committee previously** (include dates when Item was discussed):

**Motion Requested Today:** Approval

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Impact of Action:**

**Funding Amount/Source:**

**Requested by:** Legal Department for William Stovall

**Staff Representative:** Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney

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**List of Attachments:** memo, letter from requestor and legal notice

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11-24-14  
Date Submitted

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Approved by the County Administrator

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Fred Payne, Chairman  
Members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

**FROM:** Kim Wunder, Assistant County Attorney

**DATE:** November 24, 2014

**RE:** Request approval of relocation of graves

The County Attorney's Office has received a request from Mr. William Stovall, a licensed Funeral Director and consultant in cemetery operation, to relocate several graves on a piece of property in Southeastern Greenville County. Mr. Stovall has provided a letter detailing the process and also a copy of the legal notice published in search of any living relatives.

We request the Committee to approve the process to relocate the unidentified graves at the mentioned location.

Ms. Theresa Kizer, Clerk to Council  
301 University Ridge, Ste. 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601

November 19, 2013

Dear Ms. Kizer:

I have been asked by Deputy Attorney Dean Campbell to provide you with the details on a request we are seeking from Council regarding disinterring and reinterring a small number of early 1800's burials on a piece of land privately owned in Greenville. I am a South Carolina licensed funeral director and operate a consulting practice in cemetery operations. The owner of the property engaged me several months ago to supervise the process of relocating these burials.

We have completed the required 30 day time period for the legal ad concerning our application for permission to move these burials on this property located at I-85 and Pelham Road. This is a wooded and undeveloped 55 acre tract. My contact information was included in the legal notice which ran in the Greenville News. Included here is a copy of the Affidavit from the newspaper. I have not received any contact about the matter, and therefore, assume there will be no objection.

I was in Greenville on October 16 and cleared and staked off the perimeter of the area we will be working within. The plan is to bring in the CEO of the Wilbert Burial Vault Company there in Greenville to bring his crew to do the excavations under my supervision. He met with me onsite while I was there, and I believe that our plan is comprehensive and ready. I have carefully identified the known burials along with 3 additional possible ones all within the parameters. We will excavate each possibility to be sure that we remove all of them. They will be labeled, placed in concrete liners and reburied in the new cemetery in the same configuration in which we find them.

Attorney Campbell has advised me that there is nothing further that I need to provide for committee consideration of our request and full Council approval. There will be representation from our team at the December 2 committee meeting. Please advise me of anything addition we might need to provide.

Sincerely Yours,

William Stovall

## **Notice**

To relatives of persons unknown buried in a defined section on a property north of Garlington Rd., Tax Map # 0533040100700 in southeastern Greenville Co. An archeologist has determined the graves pre-date 1850. The current property owner proposes to petition to Greenville County for permission to carefully relocate approximately ten graves of unknown persons to Wood Memorial Park in Greer. Applicable state statute is Section 27-43-10. A licensed funeral director is employed to supervise the project at no expense to any possible relatives. There are no inscribed stones or markers present.

Contact may be made to William Stovall, 20 Johnson Rd., Charleston, SC 29407; 843-708-3826 if you are a relative of persons buried on the property.