

A RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN COMMISSIONERS TO THE METROPOLITAN SEWER SUBDISTRICT COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Taylors Fire and Sewer District and Parker Sewer and Fire Sub-District (collectively, the “Districts”), Greenville County and the Greenville County Council (“County Council” and, together with Greenville County, the “County”), and Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict d/b/a MetroConnects (“Metro”) have reached a mutually agreeable settlement of lawsuits between the County and the Districts, which settlement involves the transfer of the District’s sewer systems to Metro; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2021, Metro accepted the transfer of the sewer systems of the Berea Public Service District; Gantt Fire, Sewer and Police District; Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation, and Sewer District; and Wade Hampton Fire and Sewer District; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of the merger of these six sewer systems into Metro’s sewer system, Metro will have undergone a substantial expansion of its customer base, staff, and system maintenance responsibilities in a one-year period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the enabling legislation creating Metro, the County Council is empowered to make recommendations to the Governor for the appointment of individuals to serve on the Metropolitan Sewer Subdistrict Commission (the “Commission”), the governing body of Metro; and

WHEREAS, the terms of three of the members of the Commission, Jim Freeland, Jim Gregorie, and Jondia Berry, are scheduled to expire on November 30, 2022, which Commissioners represent a total of 41 years of combined service on the Commission and knowledge of Metro’s operations; and

WHEREAS, Metro has informed the County Council of the importance of maintaining the stability of the membership of its Commission and retaining the institutional knowledge and experience of these Commissioners during this period of expansion and transition; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain this needed stability, Metro has requested that the County Council make early recommendations to the Governor of South Carolina (the “Governor”) for the reappointment of Mr. Freeland, Mr. Gregorie, and Ms. Berry to the Commission, each for a standard term that shall commence upon the expiration of each such Commissioner’s current term; and

WHEREAS, the County Council acknowledges the value of maintaining the stability of the membership of the Commission during this period of expansion and transition, and hereby determines that the special circumstances involved in the substantial expansion of Metro’s customer base, staff, and system maintenance responsibilities warrant the suspension of certain policies of the County Council’s concerning recommendations for the appointment of commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Greenville County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that County Council hereby recommends that the Governor reappoint Jim Freeland, Jim Gregorie, and Jondia Berry to the Commission for terms that are to commence, respectively, on November 30, 2022. The County Council hereby suspends the applicability of the Greenville County Council Policy for Board and Commission Appointments with respect to the reappointments set forth herein due to the special circumstances described in the recitals above.

DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Willis H. Meadows, Chairman
Greenville County Council

ATTEST:

Regina McCaskill
Clerk to Council

Joseph M. Kernell
County Administrator