

# Town of Blythewood Capital Improvements Plan

Consistent with the charge of the Planning Commission (PC) this section provides the PC with the entire Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) of the Town of Blythewood. All of the expenditures included herein will directly or indirectly affect the implementation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan) generally and the Town's Master Plan specifically. With this understanding, the Mayor has asked that the PC not limit its review, and consider all CIP project expenditures as a component of the annual financial plan (the budget).

South Carolina Code of Laws section 6-29-340(B)(2)(e) is the enabling legislation for the particular PC task:

*(e) a capital improvements program (plan) setting forth projects to implement plans which have been prepared and adopted, including an annual listing of the priority projects for consideration by the governmental bodies responsible for implementation prior to preparation of their capital budget: and...*

To accomplish this effort, staff has prepared for the PC and the Town Council a comprehensive workbook of data, projects, schedules and monetary estimates. The workbook is organized in three sections, with the first being a ten (10) year summary by functional categories.

The second section is a more detailed presentation for the same ten (10) years but with specific project numbers, names, and a detailed monetary schedule.

The third section has a more informative yet short narrative about the project, an assessment of the alternative funding, the manager of the project, and an indication of the projects' potential operational impacts. The CIP is an essential tool for the planning of the Town's development as well as anticipating its future cost to operate. Many of the purchases included in the CIP are routine replacement of existing equipment, but others will enlarge the maintenance effort, or require new skill-sets of the Town staff and therefore have a very direct impact on the operating budget. The PC and Town Council will need to include these "ends-means-linkages" in their deliberations and provide funding for both.

The Commission and the Council use these working documents as they consider the CIP each Fiscal Year (FY). As you can see, this format meets the "cataloguing" requirement and the timing of each project's implementation provides for the "ranking" of same as expressed in the statutes.

Lastly, included in this section are a graphic and some additional supportive data in reference to the Town's Installment Financing Plan (IFP) with Blythewood Facilities Corporation (BFC) and Doko Meadows (the Town Park).