

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MARCH 23, 2010**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman	William B. Banning Sr., V Chairman
William C. Derrick	George H. Davis
Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
Johnny W. Jeffcoat	John W. Carrigg, Jr.
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**Goal #2 Update - Councilman Derrick - Goal #2** - Mr. Derrick presented an update for Goal #2 - Manage growth to meet needs of Lexington County. He highlighted the following initiatives:

- Air quality - grant awarded for Diesel Emissions Reduction, policy for idling buses at schools, letter to EPA on standards, County's Burn Ordinance
- Water quality - EPA Phase II, low impact development, appropriate funding measures to monitor and maintain stormwater control
- Establishment of I-20 Industrial Corridor - by 2016
- Airport at Pelion Master Plan Update - submitted to FAA
- Riverbanks Zoo infrastructure and River Alliance's Twelve Thousand Year History Park - funding requests
- Landscaping and scenic corridor -significant progress made for preserving the landscape and scenic corridors by the amended landscape ordinance
- Non-emergency urgent care transports - continue to work with Lexington Medical Center to cut the number of non-emergency transports

Staff requested to compile a list of industrial parks located on Interstate I-20 close to Lexington County's borders with a map of the locations. For information only, no action taken.

**Volunteer Firefighter Membership/Application Summary (Goal 1) - Public Safety/Fire Service - Chief Russell Rawl, Fire Service Coordinator** - Chief Rawl presented a report summary on volunteer firefighter membership and firefighter applicants for the time period of January 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. He said there are currently 268 volunteers with Fire Service. The summary provided details on reasons volunteers have left, years of service, and age range of

volunteers. Chief Rawl reported 120 new applications were received during this time period, 97 were approved for employment, and 23 were denied due to background checks. He said of those 97 applicants, 14 have already left Fire Service and the challenge is retaining volunteers. The Committee discussed required training provided for Fire Service volunteers and incentives. Staff requested to provide the Committee with a list of the number of volunteers per fire station. Ms. Hubbard reported staff will be returning to Council with incentives that the Leadership Team wants included for the volunteers. For information only, no action taken.

**Ordinance 10-3 - An Ordinance to Authorize Installment Payment of Real Property Taxes Pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 12-45-75** - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to move forward with 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 10-3.

**In Favor:**

Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
Mr. Davis	Ms. Summers
Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning
Mr. Cullum	

**Opposed:**

Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
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**Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 9, 2010** - A motion was made by Mr. Keisler, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the February 9, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Possible Executive Session if Time Permits - Executive Session/Legal Briefing** - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Derrick to go into Executive Session to discuss three legal and two contractual matters.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

**Old Business/New Business - Local Contractors Procurement** - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk