

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
JULY 24, 2012**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 3:25 p.m. Mr. Banning, Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Chairman	Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman
James E. Kinard	Frank J. Townsend, III
George H. Davis	Debra B. Summers
Bobby C. Keisler	K. Brad Matthews
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; John Fechtel, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; 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.

Ordinance 12-10 - Ordinance Finding That the Richland-Lexington Riverbanks Parks District May Issue Not Exceeding \$32,000,000 G.O. Bonds and to Provide for the Publication of Notice of Public Hearing - 1st Reading - Satch Krantz, Executive Director, Riverbanks Zoo & Botanical Gardens - Mr. Krantz introduced Lexington County's two appointees to the Riverbanks Park Commission, Ms. Jan Stamps, Ms. Mary Howard and the At-large member, Mr. Bud Tibshrary, shared by Richland County and the City of Columbia, and the Zoo's bond council, Mr. Theo Dubose. Mr. Krantz presented a request for first reading of Ordinance 12-10 and providing for the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing. He reported Lexington and Richland Counties' Councils last passed a bond issue 15 years ago. Since then the Zoo has become the largest attraction in the state of South Carolina finishing the 2011/12 Fiscal Year with 1,290,500 visitors and is also the largest zoo in the southeastern United States. Mr. Krantz gave an outline of how the funds will be used for improvements to the zoo facilities. He said one of the Zoo's goals is to coordinate with Edventure Museum and local hotels to provide a package for overnight stays. The proposed millage is approximately \$2.00 on a \$100,000 house.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve first reading of Ordinance 12-10.

In Favor:	Mr. Banning	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Kinard
	Mr. Townsend	Mr. Davis
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Matthews	

Resolution R12-5 - Calling for a Public Hearing to be Held Upon the Question of the Issuance of Not Exceeding \$32,000,000 G.O. Bonds - Satch Krantz, Executive Director, Riverbanks Zoo & Botanical Gardens - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve Resolution R12-5.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Cullum
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Townsend Mr. Davis
 Ms. Summers Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Matthews

Meeting of February 14, 2012 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the February 14, 2012 minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Davis
 Ms. Summers Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Townsend Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Cullum

Meeting of April 24, 2012 - RFP Banking Committee - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the April 24, 2012 - RFP Banking Committee minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Ms. Summers
 Mr. Davis Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Townsend Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Cullum

Meeting of April 24, 2012 - Approval of Minute - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve the April 24, 2012 minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Ms. Summers
 Mr. Matthews Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Davis Mr. Townsend
 Mr. Keisler Mr. Jeffcoat
 Mr. Cullum

Old Business/New Business - Local Contractor Procurement; Letter to State Paper about Newspapers - None.

Executive Session - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss five legal and two personnel matters.

In Favor: Mr. Banning Mr. Davis
 Mr. Kinard Mr. Townsend
 Ms. Summers Mr. Keisler
 Mr. Jeffcoat Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Cullum

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk