

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:40 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman	George H. Smokey Davis, V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick	James E. Kinard, Jr.
M. Todd Cullum	

Absent: John W. Carrigg, Jr.*

*Mr. Carrigg was absent due to family illness.

Also attending: Katherine Doucett, County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Deputy 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.

Project Gira - Economic Development - Al Burns, Director - Mr. Burns introduced Ms. Gira Patel, Chief Executive Officer of Gira Steel. Gira Steel is currently relocating its facility from Columbia to West Columbia which will enable them to double their production. Information only. No action.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual matters.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Jeffcoat reconvened the meeting in open session; no actions taken.

Project Z - Economic Development - Al Burns, Director - No action taken.

Project Otis - Economic Development - Al Burns, Director - No action taken.

Economic Development Projects - Economic Development - Al Burns, Director - No action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of September 26 and October 10, 2006 - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the September 26 and October 10, 2006 minutes as submitted.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Davis was not present when the vote was taken.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk