

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2009**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 12:30 p.m. Mr. Banning, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

William B. Banning, Sr., Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Debra B. Debbie Summers	

Absent:

*M. Todd Cullum

*Mr. Cullum was not present due to an illness.

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.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session for updates on economic development projects.

The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Banning reconvened the meeting in open session with three motions to be considered.

Flextronics - Ordinance 09-10 - An Ordinance Authorizing (1) The Execution and Delivery of A Fee Agreement Between Lexington County and Flextronics America, LLC; (2) The County to Covenant in Such Incentive Agreement to Accept Certain Fees in Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes with Respect to the Expansion Project; (3) Benefits of a Multi-County Park; (4) the Re-Documentation Within Such Incentive Agreement of Certain Lease Purchase Agreements Pertaining to a Project Established by the Company within the County in 1999 - 1st Reading - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Manager - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 09-10.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Project Crush - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Manager

- a. **Approval of Inducement Resolution** - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve the inducement resolution.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. **Ordinance 09-15 - Approving Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and Addition to Joint Park - 1st Reading** - A motion was made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 09-15.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Lexington County Economic Development Corridors Overview (Goal 2) - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Manager – Mr. Whipple presented a PowerPoint overview of the Economic Development Corridors. He reported on the various industries located within Lexington County's 750 square miles. Mr. Whipple said the corridors are not absolute but typifies what currently exists in the areas shown and listed the industries located within each area. He identified the corridors as: 1) technology and manufacturing - Chapin area; 2) manufacturing, distribution service, and recreation - Central Lexington/St. Andrews area; 3) corporate headquarters, manufacturing, distribution, and agri-business - Cayce/West Columbia area; 4) transportation, distribution, and logistics - Gaston/Swansea area; 5) aviation and agri-business - South Congaree/Pine Ridge/Pelion area; 6) manufacturing, agri-business, and education - Batesburg-Leesville area. He said with Council's permission, Economic Development plans to market Lexington County with this concept. Mr. Banning requested this presentation be implemented into the original Strategic Plan presentation developed for each Councilmember. For information only, no action taken.

Saxe Gotha Industrial Park Landscaping Plan Overview - Economic Development - Chuck Whipple, Manager; Robbie Derrick, Zoning Assistant, Community Development; and David Winburn, Senior Project Manager, Alliance Consulting Engineers, Inc. - A PowerPoint presentation was presented for the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park Landscaping Plan overview. Mr. Patrick Livingston and Mr. David Winburn, both with Alliance Consulting Engineering, Inc., described the proposed landscaping plan and signage. Mr. Derrick reviewed the recommended plant materials for the landscaping plan. Staff was asked to use native stone (Lexington County) for the signage. For information only, no action taken.

New Business - Lexington County Industry Appreciation Event – Mr. Whipple reported the Lexington County Industry Appreciation Event at Charwood was a success with 88 participants. Mr. Banning commended staff for all their hard work.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of September 22, 2009 - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve the September 22, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - None.

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