

**CONCISE SUMMARY
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2003**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Planning and Administration - Ordinance 03-8 - Landscape Ordinance - Text Change - Committee voted to recommend that Council proceed with second reading of Ordinance 03-8. However, Mr. Rucker asked the Planning Commission readdress the Landscape Ordinance to ensure the size of shrubs and trees planted are larger and closer together and that the change apply to single family residential development also.

Report from Library Board - Fremont Huggins - Mr. Rucker thanked Mr. Huggins for the information the Library Board provided. He stated this information would be carefully studied for the upcoming budget requests in March.

Revised Driver Record Policy - Personnel - Katherine Doucett, Director - Ms. Doucett discussed the revised proposed changes to the Driver Record Policy.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - The Committee voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

Committee Chairman Rucker reconvened the meeting in open session.

The Committee voted to recommend that Council approve the Revised Driver Record Policy but asked staff to make minor changes in regard to the point system and to add additional terminology.

Old Business/New Business - None.

Adjournment.

Justice - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant - Reverted Funds - Law Enforcement - Evelyn Babbitt, Grants Manager - Committee voted to recommend that Council approve staff's request to move forward with the Victims of Crime Act Grant application. This grant is to enhance and expand direct services to victims of violent crime.

Old Business/New Business - None.

Adjournment.

Economic Development - Project Updates - Community & Economic Development - Tammy Coghill, Director - The Committee voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential contracts and to receive an Economic Development update.

Committee Chairman Jeffcoat reconvened the meeting in open session.

Mr. Jeffcoat stated during the Executive Session two potential projects were discussed and reported there were no motions to be considered.

Old Business/New Business - None.

Adjournment.

Committee as a Whole - Mr. Bill Byrd, 1179 Point View Road, Chapin, SC 29036-7925 - Open Burning - Mr. Byrd discussed open burning in Lexington County and asked Council to review the policy restricting residential burning. He said open burning in Lexington County continues to be dangerous citing a number of sources and figures. Council asked staff to research and assigned the open burning issue to the Health and Human Services Committee for further study.

Old Business/New Business - Turn Lanes - Maxie and Old Cherokee Roads - John Fechtel - Public Works - Committee voted to recommend that Council approve \$25,000.00 to install turning lanes at the intersection of Maxie and Old Cherokee Roads through the RISE Match Program. This is a 2:1 match.

Adjournment.

4:30 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - Employee Recognition - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Several Public Works employees were recognized for a job "well done" in the Coatesworth Subdivision. The employees were: Tommy Frost, Supervisor, Tommie Price, Site Supervisor, Crewmen Wade Spivey, Dwayne Livingston, Dwight Havird, Randolph Havird, and Dan Jennings, and Chris Stone in Engineering.

Employee of the Quarter - Art Brooks, County Administrator - Nominees - Samuel E. Owens, Deputy with Security Services; Fremont Huggins, Business Personal Property Delinquent Tax Specialist; and Steve Pierce, GIS Mapping Technician II.

Mr. Brooks presented a plaque to Steve Pierce as the Employee for the Second Quarter and Certificates of Excellence were presented to Samuel Owens and Fremont Huggins.

Appointments - Transportation Planning Advisory Committee - Mr. Charlie Compton and Mr. John Fechtel were reappointed to the Transportation Planning Advisory Committee.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Function Five Laptop Computers - Magistrate/Information Services - Council approved the bid for the Magistrate/Information Services to purchase five (5) Dell Laptops, five (5) software licenses, two (2) LaserJet printers and two (2) external print servers. The Dell computers will be purchased directly from Dell Computers through State Contract and the software licenses will be purchased from Software House International through State Contract, as well as the two LaserJets and two external print servers. The total cost including tax is \$10,695.35.

Soliciting Full Line Grocery Chains for Christmas Gift Certificates - Personnel - Council approved the bid for Personnel to purchase an estimated 1,288 Christmas Gift Certificates for County employees through Piggly Wiggly Carolina Company, Inc. at a face value of \$25.00. The total cost is \$28,980.00.

Two (2) Wildland Firefighting Vehicles - Public Safety/Fire Service - Council approved the bid for Public Safety/Fire Service to purchase two (2) Wildland Firefighting Vehicles equipped with vehicle consoles and front bumper remote control monitors through Red Diamond Fire Trucks in the amount of \$128,716.00 including sales tax.

Eagle 8/8A Audio Recorder and Hawk 4 Digital Video/Audio Recorder - Sheriff's Department - Council approved the bid to purchase one (1) Eagle 8/8A Audio Recorder and one (1) Hawk 4 Digital Video/Audio Recorder for the Sheriff's Department to Adaptive Digital Systems in the amount of \$11,130.00 including sales tax.

Fleet Vehicle Additions - Sheriff's Department - Council approved the bid to purchase two (2) New 2004 Chevrolet ½ Ton Extended Cab 4-wheel drive pick-up trucks for the Sheriff's Department through Love Chevrolet on State Contract in the amount of \$41,663.00 including sales tax. This is not a fleet addition to Lexington County but a Lexington County Grant.

Chairman's Report - Family Night - November 18 - Mr. Davis asked each Councilman to invite their families to the November 18, 2003 County Council meeting for everyone to meet.

Introduction of Senator John Courson - The Honorable Senator John Courson was unable to attend.

Palmetto Conservation Foundation - Mr. Tommy Windsor - Mr. Ken Driggers, Executive Director with Palmetto Conservation Foundation discussed strategies for open space preservation and different programs that Lexington County may want to enact and proposed forming a partnership with Lexington County Planning and GIS.

Mr. Davis stated he was going to ask the Planning and Administration Committee to further study the Open Space Planning.

S.C. Hospital Association Meeting - Governance Best Practices - Mr. Davis stated he, Mr. Cullum, Mr. Carrigg, and Mr. Derrick attended the S. C. Association Best Governance Practices session during the conference held September 19-20 as guests of Lexington Medical Center.

Report on Meeting - Town of Lexington - Mr. Davis stated on September 26, 2003 he, Mr. Keisler, Mr. Wilkerson, and Mr. Jeffcoat had an unofficial meeting with some citizens and leaders of the Town of Lexington to discuss some of their needs, as well as our common needs. He stated they also discussed the Town of Lexington's need for land for a particular water tower, which was discussed during the October 14, 2003 Council meeting.

Administrator's Report - Mr. Brooks stated the contractor still ensures that the County will have an Occupancy Permit on 12/1/2003. He also stated he will be bringing before Council on November 18, 2003 an operation/maintenance plan for the Judicial Center.

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BAR was distributed and signed:

Supplemental appropriation increase of \$1,000.00 from the Wal-Mart Foundation in the Fire Service capital contingency account.

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Text Amendment T03-04 - Driveway & Street Restrictions - 3rd and Final Reading - Council approved third and final reading of Zoning Text Amendment T03-04.

Zoning Map Amendment M03-06 - 6172 Bush River Road - Announcement of 1st Reading - Council announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment M03-06.

Zoning Map Amendment M03-07 - Cottage Road - Announcement of 1st Reading - Council announced first reading of Zoning Map Amendment M03-07.

Ordinances - Ordinance 03-5 - Lexington County Council Rules of Parliamentary Procedures - 2nd Reading - Council approved second reading of Ordinance 03-5.

Ordinance - 03-10 - Conveyance of Real Estate from Lexington County to SCDOT (Hwy. 6 & Hwy. 1) - 2nd Reading - Council approved second reading of Ordinance 03-10.

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, B. Rucker, Chairman - Policy Addressing the Rehiring of Former Employees - The Committee recommended and Council approved staff's recommendation to adopt the Policy Addressing the Rehiring of Former Employees. This policy goes into effect on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

Justice, J. Carrigg, Chairman - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant - Reverted Funds - Law Enforcement - The Committee recommended and Council approved that staff be authorized to proceed with the Victims of Crime Act Grant.

Committee as a Whole - Turn Lanes - Maxie and Old Cherokee Roads - The Committee recommended and Council approved submitting of the Maxie and Old Cherokee Roads project through the RISE Match program, but prior to any expenditure of funds, the request is to be presented before the Public Works Committee.

Presentations - Mr. Pete Oliver, 165 Lake Murray Terrace, Lexington, SC 29072 - Nassau Plant - Mr. Oliver discussed the concerns he has with the defunct AT&T Nassau Metals Lucent Technology's site. Prior to his presentation, Mr. Oliver distributed numerous material to each Councilman. Mr. Davis asked Mr. Oliver to please allow Council to review the material and invited him to come back for a question/answer session before the Committee as a Whole.

Old Business/New Business - None.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - Council entered Executive Session to receive the legal briefing and to discuss contractual matters.

Chairman Davis reconvened the meeting in open session.

Mr. Davis reported Council had discussed two legal matters, there were no votes to be taken.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - None.

Adjournment.