

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
August 28, 2012

Lexington County Council held its meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Banning presided.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - During the Committee of the Whole, Council entered into Executive Session to discuss 4 personnel, 11 contractual, and 7 legal matters but were unable to conclude. Therefore, Council will need to go back into Executive Session later during the meeting. At this time, there were no motions to be considered.

Councilman Kinard gave the invocation. Army Veteran Paul Graham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	William B. Banning, Sr.	James E. Kinard, Jr.
	Frank J. Townsend, III	George H. (Smokey) Davis
	Debra B. Summers	Bobby C. Keisler
	Johnny W. Jeffcoat	Kenneth 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.

Chairman's Report - Mr. Banning reported he attended the following events: Fire Service Graduation, SCAC Conference, and SC Chamber of Commerce Midlands Grass Roots. Mr. Banning and Ms. Summers attended the Central SC Committee of 100 52nd Annual meeting. He and several council members attended the Lake Murray Annual meeting, and he and Councilmen Jeffcoat and Keisler attended the Lexington County Municipal Association meeting.

Mr. Banning reported he was re-elected to the Board of Directors for SCAC and Dave Eger, Director of Solid Waste Management and Registrar Debbie Gunter were appointed to serve on SCAC committees.

The Administrator's Report - Labor Day - Mr. Mergo announced the County Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day. However, the waste collection facilities and curbside service will remain as normal.

Mr. Mergo reported he had the opportunity to share Council's strategic plan with the West Metro Chamber of Commerce and felt it was well received.

Employee Recognition - Mr. Mergo recognized Paramedic Corey Sturkie and Firefighter Jim Sullivan for their foresight to investigate a fire as they were returning to their station. Because they happened on the scene, these two men were able to extricate the occupant from a burning vehicle and stabilize him until the unit that was en route arrived.

Special Recognition - Chairman Banning recognized, Mayor Pat Smith of the Town of Springdale, Town Councilman Jacob Wilkerson, and their Town Administrator, Erica Barton.

Council Members' Report/Comments - Councilman Keisler reported he attended the South Congaree and Pine Ridge Library 100th Anniversary celebration and noted there were over 200 attendees.

Councilman Cullum proudly announced the 9-and 10-year-old Midlands Minor Dixie Youth Baseball won its third World Series.

Councilman Kinard reported he participated in the Pelion Peanut Party Parade and attended the Lexington Medical Center Hospital Board meeting, the Town of Gaston Municipal meeting, and the Swansea Library 100th Anniversary celebration.

Resolution - First Purple Heart County - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Appointments - Assessment Appeals Board - Robert Grice - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to appoint Mr. Grice. Mr. Grice replaces Mr. Christopher Lykes.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Planning Commission - David "Rock" Lucas - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to reappoint Mr. Lucas.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Building Codes Board of Appeals - (Building) - Steve Martin - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to reappoint Mr. Martin. Mr. Martin represents the building sector.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Building Codes Board of Appeals - (Electrical) - Michael C. Shealy - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to reappoint Mr. Shealy. Mr. Shealy represents the electrical sector.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Assessment Appeals Board - Wayne Arnold - Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to reappoint Mr. Arnold.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Planning Commission - Pat Dunbar - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to reappoint Mr. Dunbar.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Special Recognition - Chairman Banning recognized the following members with Riverbanks Park Commission: Ms. Jan Stamps, Ms. Mary Howard, Mr. Jim Smith, Mr. Earl Brown, and Mr. Bud Tibshrary and Director and CEO, Mr. Satch Krantz of Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the following bids/purchases/RFPs (Tabs X-5).

Fleet Vehicle Replacement and Addition - Fleet Services - Building Services - Staff recommended the purchase of two vehicles for Building Services. One vehicle will be purchased from Love Chevrolet through State Contract number 4400002969 and the other vehicle from Vic Bailey through State Contract number 4400004339. Total cost, including applicable tax, is \$61,873.

Dell SAN Storage Shelf With One (1) Year On-site Service - Information Services - Staff recommended the purchase of a Dell SAN storage shelf to include a 4-hour 7/24 on-site service package with installation and training for Information Services from VeriStor through State Contract number 5400001124. Total cost, including applicable tax, is \$38,230.34.

12-Mile Creek Consulting Services - Public Works - Staff recommended the contract for consulting services from AMEC Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. for the 12-Mile Creek grant. The services will be procured under Lexington County contract PQ09010-02/27/09H. The estimated cost, including applicable tax, is \$45,000.

One (1) Farm Tractor - Replacement - Public Works - Staff recommended the purchase of a farm tractor from Steen Enterprises through State Contract number 5000008598. Total cost, including applicable tax, is \$37,200.

Caron Traction and Contour Pin-on Caps - Sole Source - Solid Waste Management - Staff recommended the purchase of Caron traction and pin-on caps from the sole source provider, Caron Compactor Company. This has been deemed a sole source as they are the only vendor capable of providing the replacements. Total cost, including applicable tax, is \$26,228.58.

One (1) Fleet Vehicle Addition and Accessories – Sheriff’s Department - Staff recommended the purchase of a vehicle including emergency equipment/installation and accessories for the Sheriff’s Department. The vehicle will be purchased from Love Chevrolet through State Contract number 4400002993 and the accessories will be procured from West Chatham Warning Devices through the County’s procurement process. Total cost, including applicable tax, is \$26,211.02.

Fourteen (14) Laptops (F4) with Docking Stations - Sheriff’s Department - Staff recommended the purchase of fourteen (14) laptops (F4) with docking stations for the Sheriff’s Department from Dell through State Contract number 5000008961-WN27ACA. Total cost, including applicable tax, is \$42,095.75.

Salamander Command and Rapid Tag Software Package (Sole Source) - Sheriff’s Department - Staff recommended the purchase of the Salamander Command and Rapid Tag software package for the Sheriff’s Department from the sole source provider, Bridgeway Solutions. This has been deemed a sole sourced as they are the authorized software distributor for our region. The estimated cost, including applicable tax, is \$45,942.93.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion.

Mr. Keisler asked to elaborate on the farm tractor.

Mr. John Fechtel, Deputy Administrator, said the farm tractor is used to pull the disc harrow and bush hog to cut right-of-ways.

Mr. Banning called for further discussion; none occurred.

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

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of June 26, 2012- Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes as submitted.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance - Ordinance 12-08 - Ordinance Authorizing the Lease of 8.90 Acres, More or Less, to the Town of Lexington - 2nd Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat said rather than the County leasing the property, the County will be conveying the property to the Town of Lexington for a dog park (animal park).

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve second reading of Ordinance 12-08 that is now a conveyance instead of a long-term list with certain conditions as the county may determine.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Opposed: Mr. Kinard

Ordinance 12-09 - Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement for Development of a Joint County Park Between Newberry County & Lexington County Dated 7-28-98 to Add F.G. Wilson - 2nd Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve second reading adding F.G. Wilson.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Ordinance 12-10 - Ordinance Finding that the Richland/Lexington Riverbanks Parks District May Issue not Exceeding \$32,000,000 G.O. Bonds, Authorize the Issue of Such Bonds and to Provide for the Publication of Notice of the said Findings and Authorization - 2nd Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve second reading.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

For clarification, Mr. Jeffcoat said this is not \$32,000,000 that Lexington County is paying alone, but a bond we are joining with Richland County to make it happen. The increase is approximately \$1.60 per \$100,000 house.

Committee Reports - Planning & Administration, D. Summers, Chairman - Ordinance 12-01 Amendments to the Landscape and Open Space Ordinance - 2nd Reading - Ms. Summers reported during the afternoon Committee meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to amend the Landscape and Open Space Ordinance.

Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve second reading.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Public Works & Solid Waste Management, T. Cullum, Chairman - Green is Good for Business Conference Sponsorship - Mr. Cullum reported the Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, to review staff's request to sponsor the Green is Good Business Conference. Following is the Committee Report:

Ms. Synithia Williams, Public Works Environmental Coordinator, presented a request to sponsor the Green is Good Business Conference which they have done for the last three years. The sponsorship is \$1,500. Ms. Williams reported that she and Ms. Amanda St. John, Solid Waste Management Recycling Coordinator, are on the planning committee for the conference. The keynote speaker of this year's event will be Mr. Josef Kerscher, President of BMW. The County is partnering with the Greater Columbia Chamber by advertising the conference in the Columbia Regional Business Report for greater exposure. The conference is scheduled for September 18, 2012 at the Metropolitan Convention Center. Staff is requesting \$1,500 for sponsorship of the 2012 CPAC Green is Good for Business Conference. Funds are available in the Air Quality Supplies Account (521215) used to cover air quality projects and sponsorships.

The Public Works Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request to sponsor the Green is Good Business Conference.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve \$1,500 for the sponsorship.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Kinley, K-1 and K-2 Creeks Funding Options - Mr. Cullum also reported the Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, to review four funding options provided by staff for Kinley, K-1 and K-2 Creeks, as outlined below. The following is the Committee Report:

- 1) FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMA) - with assistance from DNR
 - a. Funding - maximum award is \$150,000
 - b. Match required is 25 percent, according to DNR up to 10% can be in-kind
 - c. C Funds can be used for the local match
 - d. Applications may be submitted June 1 to December 2
- 2) Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program - Maximum \$4 million dollar project
 - a. Funding is restricted to a maximum of \$3 million (75%) federal share per project sub-application - must have completed plan
 - b. Match required is 25 percent with source of match of up to \$1 million
 - c. Applications may be submitted June 1 to November 1
 - d. At this time, due to federal budget cuts, funds for PDM grant are on hold
- 3) Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) Program
 - a. Residential or non-residential (commercial) properties
 - b. Funding - applicant may be eligible for up to 100 percent of the project cost through FEMA
 - c. Match - not listed
 - d. Submission dates - not listed
- 4) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Program - Section 22 - Planning Assistance to States (PAS)
 - a. Funding - spending cap of \$500,000 Federal expenditure per state
 - b. Match is 50/50; sponsor may contribute their share as in-kind services
 - c. Submission dates - not listed
 - d. Studies are subject to availability of Federal appropriations

Staff reported there is approximately \$150,000 in the County's "C" Fund drainage account (2700-121302-5R0088) requested to be carried over from FY11-12.

The Public Works Committee voted in favor to recommend to full Council to approve staff moving forward with the FMA Grant Program.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to move forward to conduct the study through the FMA Grant Program and the 25% match will come from the County’s “C” fund drainage account. (The maximum award is \$150,000).

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region - Also, the Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, to review proposed recommendations for the Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region. Following is the Committee Report:

Mr. David Brandes of Genesis Consulting Group presented recommendations for the Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region. Lexington County has been working with Richland County and the City of Columbia to put together an energy plan as part of funds awarded from the Department of Energy through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). Mr. Brandes presented a Power Point overview of the proposed energy plan which included recommended actions for achieving the plan. The plan consisted of decreasing demand through energy efficiency and conservation, indirectly decreasing demand through broader initiatives, increasing supply through renewable energy generation, and economic development and the green economy. Mr. Mergo, County Administrator, said Lexington County is already doing some of the items presented in the plan. Mr. Brandes reported the Green Team, a core team made up of Lexington County, Richland County and the City of Columbia representatives, will meet regularly and report back the initiatives progress.

The Public Works Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council to approve the proposed recommendations by adopting a resolution for the Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Matthews to approve the proposed recommendations by adopting a resolution for the Sustainable Energy Plan for the Central Midlands Region.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Justice, S. Davis, Chairman - FY12 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award (Goal 1) - Mr. Davis reported during the afternoon Committee meeting, the Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full for approval. The grant award in the amount of \$39,035 requires no County match.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the acceptance of the \$39,035 grant award.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Health & Human Services, B. Matthews, Chairman – Resolution R12-4 - Approval of Resolution for the Emergency Planning Zone for V.C. Summer Nuclear Station - Mr. Matthews reported the Committee met earlier in the day to consider approval of R12-4. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council to approve resolution R12-4.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve the resolution R12-4.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

2012 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Award (Goal 1) - Also, the Committee met and considered the acceptance to the LEMPG award. The grant in the amount of \$65,021 requires a 50% County in-kind match that will come from salaries and fringes paid by the General Fund. The Committee voted unanimously to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve acceptance of the grant award.

Mr. Banning opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

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

Presentation of Resolution - Cindy's Place Presented by Councilwoman Summers - Ms. Summers presented a framed resolution to Jacob Wilkerson and family, Springdale Elementary and the Town of Springdale in support of Cindy's Place Healthy Fitness Zone that was a dream of Jacob's late wife, Cindy.

Budget Amendment Resolutions - The following BARs were distributed and signed:

13-001 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$1,883,916 to appropriate carryover

funds for federal grants.

13-002 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$4,588,047 to appropriate carryover for County Council's special revenues.

13-003 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$3,360,813 to appropriate carryover funds for state supplements and special revenue funds.

13-004 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$3,824,981 to appropriate carryover funds for Solid Waste Management.

13-005 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$6,893,001 to appropriate carryover funds for capital and operating items for County Ordinary - \$4,074,513; Fire Service - \$2,292,638; and Law Enforcement - \$525,850.

13-006 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$1,175,055 to appropriate carryover funds for Airport Capital Projects.

13-007 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$164,340 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the Dispatch/Records Management Project and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$487 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-008 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$417,521 to appropriate carryover funds for Library Services.

13-009 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$9,681,715 to appropriate carryover funds for Schedule "C" Funds, road improvement private contributions, the alternative road paving program, and stormwater improvements at Hollow Creek.

13-010 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$11,531 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the Energy Efficiency & Conservation program.

13-011 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$669,671 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the Auxiliary Building Renovations and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$539 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-012 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$826,752 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the Old DSS Building Renovations and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$841 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-013 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$7,147,198 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the EOC/911 Communication Center and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$4,627 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-014 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$764,425 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the Animal Services Project (Project Pet) and a supplemental increase of \$4,131 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-015 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$6,296 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for EMS Healthcare Delivery Systems and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$50 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-016 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$5,266 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the CAMA and ROD Systems Development and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$21 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-018 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$321,633 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the Narrowbanding Project.

13-019 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$235,793 to appropriate carryover funds for capital items for the DSS and Fire Station Construction and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$1,141 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-020 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$4,386,448 to carryover capital items for the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$1,925 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-020-A - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$115,185 to carryover capital items for the Saxe Gotha Industrial Park II and a supplemental appropriation increase of \$1,736 to appropriate the interest earned.

13-020-B - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$3,934,164 to carryover capital items for the Chapin Technology Park.

12-125 - A supplemental appropriation increase in the amount of \$78,455. The County was reimbursed \$85 per radio from the SC Budget and Control Board for all County 800 MHz radios.

13-031 - An appropriation transfer of \$5,273 in the Delinquent Tax Department to delete the Acctg. Clerk/Cashier Grade 6 and adding a Cashier Clerk 5 and have the Assistant Deputy Tax Collector position description updated.

13-032 - An appropriation transfer of \$4,419 to increase the hourly rate for the Stormwater Part-time Clerk position.

12-034 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$20,126 as the result of the sale of a 1992 Ford F-800 fire truck in Fire Service.

12-035 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$39,035 to establish a budget for the FY12 Justice Assistance Grant Award (JAG) received.

13-036 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$65,021 to establish a budget for the FY12 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Award received.

12-033 - An appropriation transfer of \$3,777 to restore the assistant sheriff position back to a grade 32.

12-037 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$131,195 in Library Services. During the budget

process, the Library State Aid budget was calculated on \$0.50 per capita. However, the Library State Aid was calculated at \$1.00. This transaction is to adjust the Library State Aid budget to match the actual amount they will receive this year.

12-038 - An appropriation transfer of \$100,000 and supplemental appropriation increase of \$100,000. Comporium awarded the County a \$100,000 grant under the Rural Development Act to be used toward the 12th Street Extension widening project.

12-039 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$50,000 received from the SC Coordinating Council for Economic Development for the APEX Tool Group to be used toward the cost of relocating equipment. This transaction establishes a budget for the award.

Old Business/New Business - None.

Executive Session - Mr. Banning announced that Council needed to go back into Executive Session to complete discussions on one personnel, six contractual, and seven legal matters.

Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to go into Executive Session.

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

6:00 P.M. - Public Hearing - Council members present: Kinard, Davis, Summers, Keisler, Jeffcoat, Matthews, Cullum and Banning. Mr. Townsend was absent.

Ordinance 12-10 - Ordinance Finding that the Richland/Lexington Riverbanks Parks District May Issue Not Exceeding \$32,000,000 G.O. Bonds and Provide for the Publication of Notice of the Said Findings and Authorization - Mr. Banning opened the public hearing.

Mr. Banning announced no one signed up in opposition to Ordinance 12-10 and closed that portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Banning opened the public hearing for those in favor.

Ms. Mary Howard, 1016 Counts Ferry Rd., Lexington, SC 29072 - We (Mary Howard and Jan Stamps) are your representatives on the Riverbank Park Commission and certainly appreciate the appointment; it is a wonderful thing to do. We also have other commissioners in the audience - Earl Brown, Commission Chairman; Bud Tibshrary, and Lloyd Lyles. Also in attendance is Satch Krantz, CEO and a lot of employees from Riverbanks. Many of them live in Lexington County and they work tirelessly everyday to make our zoo the wonderful place it is. Also, we have many friends from the Riverbanks Park Society and volunteers and other friends who are here in support of the zoo. And, thank goodness no one against it. Thank you so much.

Ms. Jan Stamps, 74 Holley Ridge Lane, West Columbia, SC 29169 - We are so happy to be here tonight. We are so appreciative of your cooperation and support over these two or three years, or

however long it has been, and we appreciate your patience. We had tonight second reading and, hopefully with no one signed up in opposition, we will have a successful public hearing. And with this public hearing this guarantees a \$32,000,000 bond, half with Richland County that was a unanimous vote. With this \$32,000,000 we have the absolute most wonderful plans for our zoo and these new exhibits and new attractions are going to bring more and more people in. We are thrilled, and we thank you so very much.

Mr. Banning asked when they anticipate beginning breaking ground and the target completion date.

Ms. Stamps noted they do not have a completion date, but one of the first projects will be the Children's Garden in the Botanical Garden. Then we will work on a new entrance to the zoo and then the sea lion exhibit.

Richard McIntyre, 149 Kleckley Ln., Lexington, SC 29072 - Thank you for your support and allowing me to speak tonight. I am here as a representative of Lexington County and as a part of the Riverbanks Society, which is also a partner in the Riverbanks funding source. We have more than 32,000 households that are members of the society, which is almost as big as the Gamecock Club. About 30% of our members live in Lexington County, and I think all of you will recognize that this is truly an asset to our community. We have had over 1 million visitors to the zoo in the past several years, and we are one of the larger accommodation tax collectors in the community. So we have value to not only the employment of the county but also paying back in the accommodations tax. One of the things that I would tell you in the 30 something years I have lived in this community, my wife and her family grew up in West Columbia and enjoyed that zoo for many years and participated in it quite a bit. It has been my pleasure to be a volunteer and support the society. I think it is truly an asset that all of you should value your support, and I do thank Council for your support in this project.

Sarah Joy Babcock - 129 Graycoat Ct., Lexington, SC 29073 - I am a junior master gardener. This is a 4-H International gardening program to educate young children about their environment. I started this program in 2006 at Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Gardens. I completed Level 1, and I enjoyed it so much, that I came the next year for Level 2. After becoming a Certified Junior Master Gardener, I returned to volunteer with the LEAF Squad, which stands for Learning, Education, Achieve and Fun. I help teach my love of nature to younger students in the program and educate the public about different facets of gardening at festivals and events. I gained so much through Riverbanks through the opportunity to learn hands-on science and gardening information. I love being able to help develop the Discovery Garden, which has changed tremendously throughout the year. As a Clemson Extension program, I was able to job shadow under a field specialist and expand my knowledge on soils and insects that reside in them. Having access to a world-class botanical garden with over 5, 000 different species of plants gave me a different perspective on gardening and the natural world. I learned from the many cultivated gardens there as well as the natural areas, woodlands walks, and the wonderful gardening staff. Working with Riverbanks over the last six years, I have been continually impressed with the professionalism and experience of the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden staff. Everyone there makes learning fun and engaging. The Junior Master Gardening Program was the foundation for my love of nature and teaching others. It helped me to see the value in service to others and being a good steward of the environment. Riverbanks played a major role in my development of an elementary school and middle school student.

Bobby Williams, 6737 Kaminer Dr., Columbia, SC 29206 - I am the President and CEO of Lizard's Thicket restaurants. We have been in business in this area for 35 years and have six restaurants in Lexington. Steve and I were asked to speak on behalf of the zoo, and we are completely behind the zoo

and everything they want to do. We have been on the City of Columbia Hospitality Tax Commission for five years, and they present us a plan every year, and they go by their plan. And, they really draw people in our restaurants. So we are the benefit of the people they bring into Columbia. But, when Satch called me, I was really interested, and told me what a big deal it was, I really wanted to do him right. So I did go to restaurants, some out in Northeast Columbia and some in Lexington and talked to the customers. And at our Columbia Northeast restaurant, I asked somebody at the end of the conversation, do you live in Lexington and they said no, I live in Columbia. And at my Lexington restaurants, when I ask somebody if they live in Columbia, they said hell no, we live in Lexington. So people who live in Lexington County are proud to be in Lexington County.

Steve MacDougall, 100 Plantation Dr., Lexington, SC 29072- I am the director of operations for Hudson's Smokehouse and Hudson's Classic Catering. Like Bobby alluded to earlier, I was on the Hospitality Tax Committee for the City of Columbia for nine years. We supported the zoo 100 % every time they came in, and I applaud you for your foresight to support them now. Because like we said at the Hospitality Tax, they replenish the pot, and they will do it for Lexington County for sure.

Tammy Shoffstall, 2100 Bush River Rd., Lexington, SC 29210 - I am the controller of the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, and it is Lexington's largest hotel. This is Mr. Graves, our General Manager, and we are here to talk on behalf of the hospitality community. As you well know, the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is now South Carolina's largest attraction with more than one million visitors each year. Think about it no single gated attraction in Myrtle Beach or Charleston draws as many visitors as the Riverbanks Zoo. And with more than 40% of the visitors traveling 50 miles or more outside of Columbia, the Zoo is vitally important to the hospitality community in the Midlands, including Lexington County. I have worked with the Riverbanks Zoo for the last five years and, I, too, continue to be impressed with their professionalism and their ability to understand the concept of marketing and partnerships. To give you an example, Riverbanks currently teams up with 11 Lexington County hotels, including ours, to offer a zoo/hotel package. As a result, the program has generated more than \$70,000 in revenue for these hotels. Plus these visitors eat at our local restaurants, they fill up their gas tanks at local filling stations, and they shop at our local stores. Riverbanks also play a vital part in attracting sport events and competitions and they offer discounts and coupons to visiting families. To give you an example, the U.S. Cheer Cheerleading competition was held at the Botanical Gardens. Riverbanks Zoo also hosts over 30 weddings each year at the Botanical Gardens, and all of the guests are very much encouraged to stay at the Lexington County hotels. I can honestly say that Riverbanks Zoo put "heads on beds" unlike any other attraction in South Carolina. What does the Riverbanks Zoo mean to me and our hotel? It means building partnerships with our community. It means increased revenues from all and it really gives us a very fun venue for all of our families. Thank you.

Steve Graves, 12 Polar Rich Circle, Columbia, SC 29223 - Mr. Graves did not speak, but was present with Ms. Shoffstall.

Venus Holland, 117 Hammonds Hill Dr., West Columbia, SC 29169 - I am so proud to be here; to be a citizen of Lexington County and to be standing in front of a group of individuals who have such a vision about going about improving the quality of lives for all of us. And, I had an opportunity to hear Joe Mergo speak this morning at the West Metro Chamber; you would have been very proud. I know Debbie was there. He did an extraordinary job talking about your vision. But, tonight we heard from students, and we heard what a great tourist attraction it is. But, I want to talk to you about the magic of the zoo. Any of you who have ever seen a child's eyes on Christmas morning know how magical and wonderful something extraordinary can be. The Riverbanks Zoo is exactly that. I can tell you that when children

from Lexington School District 2 as well as from all over our state comes to the zoo, they experience the magic. Imagine the difference between reading about a koala bear in text book and actually getting to go to the zoo and see one. Imagine seeing a polar bear. Now, I can tell you that most of my children are never going to go to Alaska, so this is a terrific opportunity. Imagine being a kindergartner and you go, “my gosh, I didn’t know gorillas were as big as me.” Truly, the Riverbanks Zoo provides us with so many instructional opportunities, whether we are talking about the animals or talking about the beautiful gardens. I am so thrilled to think about the magic of the interactive children’s garden. So, I think that when we think about quality of lives and we think about members of our community who are parents and grandparents, I know that we are all proud to have the Riverbanks Zoo here. And, this bond referendum will enable us to continue to improve and to move forward in the next century. So, I thank you for your vision, and I thank you on behalf of my children, the magic.

Annie Kruger, 280 Black Pine Ct., Lexington, SC 29073 - With me is my husband, Jeff, and children Ian, Brandon, and Dylan. We have been members of the zoo for eight or nine years. I grew up in Cayce and was actually old enough to remember the polar bear that we had at the zoo. But we go to the zoo at least once a week. I stay home with my youngest child, and he and I go probably two or three more times on top of than other when we go on Sundays and they just love the zoo. It is really an amazing resource for South Carolina, not just our area. The employees at the zoo are just amazing. They are always willing to stop and answer any questions and as a result of that they know every animal’s name at the zoo and some of their birthdays. They make birthday cards for the gorillas every year. But, we are wholeheartedly in support of you doing this and really looking forward seeing the sea lions back again. They are looking forward to the children’s garden. We want you to know that we throw our support behind this 100 percent.

John Banks, 2032 Fairlawn Cir., Cayce, SC 29033 - I am glad to be here to speak to you on something immensely important. I grew up on Seminole Drive and when I used to wake up in the morning going to middle school, I could remember going out the door and hearing the monkeys from across the river and to think about how that zoo has grown since those early days. I think something may have not been mentioned in our group and let me mention it. Our largest asset, I feel, and our county as far as we look at tourism and things like that.... is our river. We have a river that can be used for so many things. Thanks to Rick and the guys for what they do in Columbia and what we try to do to promote this area as something as adventure sports, but also that zoo is sitting right on that river. It is an advertisement for us. People who walk across that bridge they have to be curious. So, it is an asset to us and as it grows, it only helps us. It may be sitting on that river, but it is ours. Don’t make any mistake about it. Most of the people who are here who are going to stay in a motel are going to stay on the Lexington side because they are easier to get to and that is to our benefit. But, this week, we were at the beach (St. Augustine) for 12 days and we were stopping people asking them if they had ever been through Columbia and do you know 14 people had been to Riverbanks Zoo and that is just kicking around talking to people for a number of days. They were from Raleigh, from all over the southeast. So, people take advantage of this. And interestingly watching some of county council’s on TV while we were there, you know what the big pitch there is right now and I think it is so important - we’ve got to provide some recreation for our people. Living in a place is not just going to work and having great roads, and I know how important that is. But, having something for your folks to do that make their life better and it proves it. It keeps people here. Very few people who move here, leave here and there is a reason – it is a great place to live. Thank you for everything you do. But, I ask you in this case, this is a wonderful project, if there is a way to make it happen, we need it on our side and we appreciate you to consider.

Ric Luber - I am with Midlands Authority for Conventions, Sports, and Tourism, and I live part of the

time at Lighthouse Marina, where my boat is located on the lake. Again, number one attraction. We travel all over and market this region all over the world and people know about the zoo and it is going to continue to grow as you help it to develop. But, the interest in coming to the community and the region is going to continue to grow. So thank you for all you do to make that happen. We certainly appreciate it.

Mr. Banning noted that concluded those who have signed up to speak in favor. However, Mr. Banning asked if anyone in attendance wanted to sign in favor to do so and it will be part of the record showing their support.

The following individuals signed up in favor:

Curt Rone, 308 Rockmount Dr. West Columbia, SC 29169
Gregory Goforth, 153 Heartwood Dr., Lexington, SC 29073
Chris Spearen, 117 Old Pond Ln., Columbia, SC 29212
Fred Williams, 504 Carola Ln, Lexington, SC 29072
Nicole Smith, 312 Bracke Dr., Lexington, SC 29072
James A. Wilhide, 700 DeVega Dr., Lexington, SC 29073
Ed Diebold, 320 Belle Grove Cr., Columbia, SC 29229
Joan Wilhide, 700 DeVega Dr., Lexington, SC 29073
Suzanne Mathis, 525 Ervin Price Rd., Gilbert, SC 29054
Lisa Thornbury, 318 Knotts Cr., Lexington, SC 29073
Philip Maas, 100 Toula Ln., Lexington, SC 29072
Betty Maas, 100 Toula Ln., Lexington, SC 29072
Breta Smith, 312 Bracken Dr., Lexington, SC 29072
Kathryn Masewicz, 144 Whiteside Cr., West Columbia, SC 29169
Kevin Eubanks, 101 Pin Oak Ct., Lexington, SC 29073
John Davis, 4122 Kilbourn Rd., Columbia, SC 29205
Theresa Stratmann, 125 Trent House Rd., Irmo, SC 29063
Amanda Segura, 9 Cedar Top Ln., Columbia, SC 29212
Tammy W. Jenkins, 365 Old Chapin Rd., Lexington, SC 29072
Todd Sease, 1520 Counts Ferry Rd., Lexington, SC 29072
Janette Babcock, 129 Greycoat Ct., Lexington, SC 29073
Laurie Melton, 918 Brookfield Dr., West Columbia, SC 29172
Lochlan Baskin, 207 Coyahago Ct., Lexington, SC 29073
Elisa Roberts-Oglesby, 132 Knoll Estates Dr., Lexington, SC 29073
Kenneth Oglesby, 132 Knoll Estates Dr., Lexington, SC 29073
Rachel Neuton, 91 Summit Ridge Ct., Columbia, SC 29229
Jerry Howard, 1016 Counts Ferry Rd., Lexington, C 29072
Jeff Reeves, 411 Poindexler Ct., Lexington, SC 29072
Jessica Smith, 307 Poindexter Ln., Lexington, SC 29072
Travis Hamack, 612 Whitland Rd., Lexington, SC 29072
Kim Benson, 1415 Beaver Dam Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
Chip Melton, 918 Brookfield Dr., West Columbia, SC 29172
Pam Dunbar, no address
Elizabeth Clemens, 1211 Lorick Rd., Blythewood, SC
Christopher Clemens, 1211 Lorick Rd., Blythewood, SC
West M. Jenkins, 1225 Gladden St., Columbia, SC
Claudia Stratmann, 125 Trent House Rd., Irmo, SC 29063

Ms. Summers thanked Mr. Krantz and his team for being so patient. She said Mr. Krantz came to council several years back about this bond, but the timing was not right. It was a tough economy and a tough decision to make because we all support the zoo. But, Satch, you respectfully said that's okay we can handle this and we can work with it. And you went back to the drawing board and waited patiently and returned with a wonderful plan. So, thank you for being so patient and for allowing the citizens to know that you are actually looking out for the community as a whole in lots of different ways.

Mr. Banning closed the public hearing.

Executive Session - Mr. Banning announced that Council needed to go back into Executive Session to complete discussions on seven remaining legal matters.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to go into Executive Session.

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

Not Present: Mr. Townsend

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Reporting out of Executive Session, Mr. Banning reported there were no motions to be considered.

Adjournment - Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn the meeting.

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

Not Present: Mr. Townsend

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

William B. Banning, Sr.
Chairman