

M I N U T E S  
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL  
May 13, 2014

Lexington County Council held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Jeffcoat presided.

Chief Brad Cox, Public Safety/ Fire Service provided the invocation. Mr. William “Bill” Ingbreetsen, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Ingbreetsen served in the Korean War from November 1951 through August 1953.

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| Members Attending: | Johnny W. Jeffcoat     | James E. Kinard, Jr. |
|                    | Frank J. Townsend, III | M. Kent Collins      |
|                    | Debra B. Summers       | Bobby C. Keisler     |
|                    | K. Brad Matthews       |                      |
|                    | M. Todd Cullum         |                      |

Not Present: William B. Banning, Sr.\*

\* Councilman Banning were not present as he is recovering from surgery.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; 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, posted on the County’s website, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Note: The following Council meeting proceedings can be viewed in its entirety on the Lexington County Video Portal at [www.lex-co.sc.gov](http://www.lex-co.sc.gov). Also, the proceedings are broadcasted live on Time Warner, Channel 2.

**Chairman’s Report** - Chairman Jeffcoat reported on the following events he attended: Meeting with Engenuity; Caughman-Harman Public Safety Appreciation luncheon; participated in Midlands Technical College graduation; monthly Richland County breakfast meeting; attended The Dickerson Center Open House; Penny for Progress meeting; and Central Alliance SC Board meeting.

**Council Members’ Reports/Comments** - Mr. Cullum reported he attended the SC Athletic Hall of Fame where Mr. Rodney Williams, a Lexington native, was inducted in the SC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Kinard reported he attended the Caughman-Harman Public Safety Appreciation luncheon and participated in a book reading at the West Columbia Library.

Mr. Matthews reported he and several members of Public Works met with citizens in Quail Valley regarding possible sidewalk initiatives.

**Presentation of Resolution - Heather Jackson Presented by Councilman Kinard -** Councilman Kinard presented a framed resolution to Ms. Jackson in recognition of her service on the Health Services, Inc. Board of Directors. Ms. Jackson served from March 2005 through March 2014.

**Update on Councilman Bill Banning** - Chairman Jeffcoat reported Mr. Banning is currently in ICU recovering from surgery. He has had three surgeries in the last six weeks and is recovering nicely.

In an effort to keep Lexington County citizens informed and let them know something about their representative, Chairman Jeffcoat had each Council member provide a brief overview of what they do and the district they represent.

**Administrator's Report** - Mr. Mergo reported Council has had a Strategic Plan in the County since 2006 where objectives are set so we can measure how we are doing. With that said, the following departments provided a third quarter update of their objectives: Economic Development, Information Services, Solid Waste Management, Public Works, Sheriff's Department, Public Safety/911 Communications, Public Safety/Fire Service, and Public Safety/EMS. The complete presentations can be viewed at [www.lex-co.sc.gov](http://www.lex-co.sc.gov) located at the Video Web Portal under Live and On-Demand Video.

Following Public Safety/911 Communications' objectives presented by Ms. Rodgers, 911 Coordinator, Mr. Cullum asked what were the contributing factors that resulted in 911 Communications falling short of their goal in answering calls. Is it because the call volume is growing that rapidly or it is personnel, etc?

Ms. Rodgers replied it is a combination of things, but believes it is the call volume.

Mr. Cullum asked for the estimated calls currently received through the 911 system.

Ms. Rodgers replied anywhere from 30,000 to 34,000 calls a month in a 30-day period; about 1,000 calls a day. Ms. Rodgers said they have nine call-takers/dispatchers on one shift, which is 12 hours.

Mr. Cullum asked how we compare with the number of calls received this year vs. last year.

Ms. Rodgers replied that we are slightly above from last year.

Mr. Cullum asked Ms. Rodgers if she could recall a year when the call volume had receded.

Ms. Rodgers, replied, no, sir.

Mr. Cullum asked if the calls for services in the county have reached a plateau.

Ms. Rodgers replied that they continue to rise. She went on to say that one incident can have multiple calls, but they have to process each call to make sure they are not duplicates, etc.

Mr. Cullum asked if these include routed calls if you call the local fire station, Sheriff's Department, etc.

Ms. Rodgers replied, no. These are actual 911 emergency calls and calls that come in on our rollover calls that are also emergency calls.

Following Public Safety/EMS presentation by Chief Brian Hood, EMS Coordinator, Mr. Cullum asked how many units are operating on a daily basis.

Chief Hood replied the County is authorized to operate up to 15 ambulances on a 12-hour shift. On the average, we are staffing 14 ambulances on the day shift and 13 ambulances at night.

**Employee Recognition - Joe Mergo, County Administrator - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** - Mr. David Kerr, Director of Public Safety, recognized the Community Emergency Response Team. Mr. Kerr said CERT is comprised of citizens who want to make a difference in their communities. CERT provides critical support to county and municipal's first responders in preparation for and response to emergency situations throughout the county. He said in 2013 CERT participated in more than 47 community events and exercises throughout the county and over 1,000 total events for training and meetings resulting in 2,460 hours of volunteer time. Currently, CERT is comprised of 88 members.

**2014 Employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter** - Mr. Mergo recognized Ryan Hoover, Alex Flenniken, and Xavier Rodriguez with Animal Services; Brian Borough, Sheriff's Department, and Alexander Kimball with Public Safety/Fire Service as nominees for the Employee of the First Quarter.

Mr. Mergo presented an Employee of the Quarter certificate and an engraved pen inscribed with "Leading by Example" to Mr. Flenniken. Messrs. Hoover, Rodriguez, Borough, and Kimball also received a "Leading by Example" engraved pen.

**Resolutions - National Public Works Week and National Travel & Tourism Week** - Mr. Matthews made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

**Appointments - Boards and Commissions - Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter - Mary L. Miller** - Mr. Keisler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to reappoint Ms. Miller.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

**Riverbanks Zoo - Bud Tibshrary** - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Summers to ratify Mr. Tibshrary's appointment by the City of Columbia to the Riverbanks Park Commission's at-large-position.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

**Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter - Elizabeth B. Partlow** - On behalf of Councilman Banning, Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to reappoint Ms. Partlow.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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

**Zoning Amendment - Zoning Text Amendment T13-04 - Mining - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Goal 2) -**

Mr. Townsend made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve second reading.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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| In Favor: | Mr. Jeffcoat | Mr. Townsend |
|           | Mr. Kinard   | Mr. Collins  |
|           | Ms. Summers  | Mr. Keisler  |
|           | Mr. Matthews | Mr. Cullum   |

**Committee Reports - Public Works & Solid Waste Management - T. Cullum, Chairman - Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Road Closings** - The Public Works/Solid Waste Management Committee convened on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 to review the amended Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Road Closings. Following is the Committee Report:

Mr. Wrenn Barrett, Public Works Director, presented staff recommendations for the amended SOP for Road Closings for final approval. The draft SOP was presented and approved by Committee on January 14, 2014 but not brought before full Council. Mr. Barrett reported since then there have been a couple of issues with the SOP in particular regarding a petitioner who presented a road closing and did not have all the information. Therefore, staff amended the procedure to add a line so that Public Works (Director) will actually provide or verify the count data as well as an emergency response impact statement from Public Safety in order that it will always be presented to Council on all road closings regardless of the petitioner. The amendment is under item number six on the proposed Standard Operating Procedure for the Closing of Lexington County Roads LR 1/31/14 (see attached amended SOP).

The Public Works Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend full Council approve staff's amended recommendations as presented.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve staff's recommended Standard Operating Procedures for road closings.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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| In Favor: | Mr. Jeffcoat | Mr. Cullum   |
|           | Mr. Kinard   | Mr. Townsend |
|           | Mr. Collins  | Ms. Summers  |
|           | Mr. Keisler  | Mr. Matthews |

Chairman Jeffcoat adjourned the County Council meeting and convened the County Transportation Committee (CTC).

**County Transportation, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - John Kinards Circle & Court Alternative Paving Program - Funding Shortfall** - During the afternoon Public Works Committee, the Committee received information from staff on the funding shortfall for John Kinards Circle and Court Alternative Paving Program.

Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kinard to approve based on the Public Works Committee discussions. Also, Council will entertain a BAR (Budget Amendment Resolution) for the shortfall. The Committee voted unanimously to send to the County Transportation Committee for approval. The road was agreed upon and voted in Committee in 2010 with full unanimous support at that time.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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| In Favor: | Mr. Jeffcoat | Mr. Cullum   |
|           | Mr. Kinard   | Mr. Townsend |
|           | Mr. Collins  | Ms. Summers  |
|           | Mr. Keisler  | Mr. Matthews |

Chairman Jeffcoat closed the County Transportation Committee and reconvened the County Council meeting.

**Bids/Purchases/RFPS** - Mr. Kinard made a motion, seconded by Mr. Townsend to approve the following bids/purchases/RFPS (Tabs S, T, U, V, and W).

**Classification and Compensation Study - Human Resources** - A Request for Proposal (RFP) was utilized to establish a contract with a consulting firm to provide a professional classification compensation study for the County of Lexington. Six (6) proposals were received. Staff recommended the award of the contract to Segal Waters Consulting for a Not to Exceed cost of \$130,000.

**Engineering Design Services for Harvestview Road - Public Works** - Staff recommended to procure engineering design services for Harvestview Road to Michael Baker Corporation under Lexington County Contract Number PQ13001-08/01/12S. The total cost, including tax, is \$90,573.

**John Kinard Court and John Kinard Circle Roadway Improvements - Public Works** - Bids were solicited for the improvements to John Kinard Court and John Kinard Circle. The project consists of paving approximately 1,705 LF of John Kinard Court and 1,904 LF of John Kinard Circle, grading, associated drainage improvements, and placing asphalt to the prepared surface of two (2) Lexington County maintained road. Three (3) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid to Coogler Construction, Inc. Total cost, including tax, is

\$200,465.90.

**Institutional Clothing- Term Contract - Sheriff's Department** - Bids were solicited for a term contract for institutional clothing for the Sheriff's Department. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year with the option to extend four (4) additional one (1) year contract periods, if deemed to be in the best interest of the County Eight (8) bids were received. Staff recommended awards to the following vendors: Clothing: Uniforms Manufacturing Inc. for Lots/Items 1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10, 11 and 12 in the amount of \$32,251.09 and Shoes: Charm-Tex for Lots/Items 5 and 6 in the amount of \$2,393.59. Total annual estimated cost is \$34,644.68.

**Weapons Accessories Purchase and Disposal of Used and Confiscated Firearms - Sheriff's Department** - Bids were solicited for the purchase of weapon accessories and the disposal of used and confiscated firearms for the Sheriff's Department. The solicitation was created to allow vendors to bid on four (4) separate lots. Lot #1 was for the purchase of holsters and a training system for the exchange of a trade-in offer on the used and confiscated firearms. Lot #2 was for the purchase of only the holsters. Lot #3 was for only the training system. Lot #4 was for the sale of the disposal of existing service weapons and confiscated firearms. Six (6) bids were received. Staff recommended the award to the following vendors: Lawmen's Safety Supply Inc. - Lot #2 and Lot #3 in the amount of \$5,312.58; Phoenix Distributors, Inc. - Lot #4 in the amount of \$30,315. Lot #1 was not awarded as it would not have been in the best interest of the County. Funds for the purchase will be appropriated from the net sales of the weapons. This will result in a total gain to the County of \$25,002.42.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the floor for discussion; no discussion occurred.

Chairman Jeffcoat called for the vote.

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| In Favor: | Mr. Jeffcoat | Mr. Kinard  |
|           | Mr. Townsend | Mr. Collins |
|           | Ms. Summers  | Mr. Keisler |
|           | Mr. Matthews | Mr. Cullum  |

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

14-120 - An appropriation transfer of \$150,466 to cover funding shortfall for John Kinards Court and Circle due to changes in existing workload of Public Works. The project bid out and the base bid was \$200,466. Currently, \$50,000 was budgeted in #2702-121300-5R0111. Additional funds will be transferred from Road Maintenance Projects (2700-121300-5R0087) to John Kinard Court & Circle (2700-121300-5R0111).

14-119 - An appropriation transfer of \$98,384 to restore the funding for the Town of Lexington's Enhancement Grant project. Funds will come from "C" Funds.

14-121 - A supplemental appropriation (existing funds) increase of \$103,382 in Public Works. Public Works pulled a Contractor's Performance Bond to complete work in the Park West, Sweetgrass Courtyard, and Wild Meadows subdivisions.

14-122 - An appropriation transfer of \$250,000 to fund the construction of Roland Drive. Engineering has already been budgeted at \$35,000. Funds will come from "C" Funds.

14-123 - An appropriation transfer of \$44,297 for the City of Cayce Transportation Alternative Program grant match. The grant will be used to construct an ADA compliant sidewalk down Julius Felder Street.

**6:00 P.M. Public Hearing - Zoning Text Amendment T13-04 - Mining (Goal 1) Planning & GIS - Charlie Compton, Director** - Prior to opening the public hearing, Chairman Jeffcoat said Council received a letter from a Lexington County senator that is in support of stopping the quarry and implied that Council has the final say. Chairman Jeffcoat wanted the audience to know that we (Council) don't have the final say. This council has been listening to you and knows where you stand and we are doing what we can to help you. However, DHEC has the permitting authority and not Lexington County Council.

Chairman Jeffcoat reviewed the purpose of the public hearing and guidelines.

Chairman Jeffcoat opened the public hearing.

Councilman Townsend said he has seen the yellow shirts and the yellow stickers. Speaking with some people at Vulcan, he understands Zoning Text Amendment T13-04 that Council just voted on is one of the strictest in the Country. As Chairman Jeffcoat said earlier, it is going to be DHEC's final decision, but we did everything we could because we heard your voices.

Mr. Compton provided background information on Zoning Text Amendment T13-04 that concerns changes primarily to the text found in Article 8 - Mining Operation of the Lexington County Zoning Ordinance, which addresses standards and procedures for mining operations

In 1974, Mr. Compton said the state passed a mining act and quoted the following: "for the protection of people and environment as well as ensuring that all mine lands are returned to some useful purpose." That last phrase referenced to the state reclamation requirements. In 1996, Lexington County Council became concerned that the State Mining Act did not do enough to address the capability of such activities and adopted a set of additional requirements for our county. This past December, the Lexington County Planning Commission recommended changes and additions to those requirements and County Council immediately put those in place through a legal mechanism available to local governments. For this public hearing tonight, the time really has come for us to complete that process. Mr. Compton reviewed the following proposed text changes:

In Article 8 - Mining Operations, Chapter 1. General Provisions - Section 81.20 - Definitions -

“overburden deposits” was struck out and added back to the definition of mining activity, which requires that to be regulated along with all of the rest of them.

Also, in Chapter 2. Mining Regulations - Section 82.20 - Buffering Restrictions - Section 82.22 Setbacks - “Sites with natural vegetation may qualify for a reduction as stated in Section 82.23, paragraph 1” was deleted as vegetation should be an outright requirement with no reduction in buffers.

In Section 82.23 - Screening - “A setback reduction of 25% may be obtained if existing natural vegetation meeting the partial screening requirement, as determined by the Zoning Administrator, is left undisturbed” was deleted because that is the location where we would get rid of any reduction and setback of buffer as an incentive.

In Section 82.50 - Hours of Operations - Specific hours of operations were added in Mining (Extensive).

In Section 82.60 - Performance Standards - Mr. Compton said performance standards are the responsibility of the state. However, additional language was added to improve on those standards.

Chairman Jeffcoat reported no one signed up in opposition.

Chairman Jeffcoat reported over 100 people signed up in favor of tightening the mining regulations in the County and opened the public hearing for those in favor.

**In Favor:**

**Bob Guild, Columbia, SC 29201-** I am a lawyer from Columbia. It is a pleasure to appear in front of you. Thank you for hearing our side. I have been asked to speak on behalf of the Ridge Protection Coalition, and I want to thank you for considering these measures to enhance the protection of citizens of Lexington County. I also want to thank Senator Katrina Shealy, who I know has communicated with members, and her support for this matter. In the brief time I have, I want to address a couple of points first. First, I want to tell you about my own experience handling mining cases at DHEC involving quarries much like the proposed Vulcan operation. Second, I want to tell you about my own experience because I live right next to one in downtown Columbia, the Vulcan Olympia Quarry. And third, I want to discuss a little about the distinction between the County’s responsibility for zoning matters - matters having to do with nuisance, matters having to do with the public welfare, as contrast with the limits of what DHEC can and does do addressing the environment and public health under the mining act. I think you are well on the right track in doing what you are doing with the distinction that DHEC will do with what they have left. First, I have practiced environmental law for over 40 years, went to the University of South Carolina, and I have handled many, many DHEC environmental appeals involving landfills, hazardous and nuclear waste, mega-hog farms, and mining activities. And as, probably no surprise to you or anyone else in the room, the process is protracted, expensive, and doesn’t often adequately lead to the result that protects the environment or the interest of

citizens. All too often, it simply falls short. We took 15 years to shut down the Pinewood Hazardous Waste Landfill on the shores of Lake Marion and that was after the damage was done. So, these things take time, they cost money and they don't produce the results often times that we all think would be optimal for the citizens in our environment. So, don't assume that DHEC will do everything and you doing what you can and it is really to your credit and to your staff's credit, and it is appreciated. Secondly, I live next to the Olympia quarry. I moved into the neighborhood when I was a law student where I could afford to live and after I got used to the place, I just didn't have the sense to leave. So, I have been there for 40 years. I am about a quarter mile from the hole of the Olympia Vulcan Quarry and it is about a mile from the State Capital. And I want to say, my experience living there all these years, I can testify the quarry winds up removing large chunks of granite then grinding them up in small chunks of granite and hauling them away produces routine massive amount of dust emissions, lots of noise, lots of truck traffic in and out of the quarry, and blasting, which my neighbors and I have experienced routinely over all that period of time. You know we got dirty laundry. I used to hang laundry out the backyard before I could afford that dryer and, you know, they would say you are crazy to do that because it will just come out dirtier than it was when you put it in the washing machine because of the dust from the quarry. Dust on cars eats the paint off your cars, they would say. Dust on trees and shrubs. The dirt would be piled on the gutter like a snow bank from falling off the rock trucks. From the blasting I could see the cracks propagating on old plaster walls. But I might add the quarry was there before I was. It is an old quarry. The cotton mill village moved in around the rock quarry, and we have to recognize the fact they were there first. I also got to say that it has improved a lot. Vulcan owns it now; Vulcan didn't always own it. And after we took them to court on the permit renewal, they tightened up their operation. So, it could be better; it could be done worse. It has done better now than it was in the past. Lastly, I just want to say that DHEC regulates only limited things regarding a quarry. It regulates the amount of processed air emissions and that's the dust that comes off of specific pieces of equipment - the rock crushers, the conveyance systems, and the stockpiles. But, they don't well regulate what we call fugitive emissions and that's the kind of stuff that a truck kicks up when it drives across an unpaved surface, which it did for many years at the Olympia quarry. I used to be at the law school up on the hill there on Blossom Street, and I would look out and could see a yellow cloud hanging over the hole where the Olympia quarry is because they were not managing the fugitive emissions very well. So DHEC will regulate to see that what comes off a particular piece of equipment meets DHEC air quality standards, but they are not going to regulate the dust that they just consider nuisance. It doesn't cause harm to your health as they see it; it doesn't matter to them whether it coats your car or chokes your lungs, or makes a mess. They also don't regulate nuisances and they are very clear about this. They say nuisances are not our business; we simply enforce air quality standards. I will close just briefly by saying they also don't regulate land use. And they will say very clearly that land use is a county responsibility. I know your staff has it available to them, but I will just point out Section 48-2250 of the South Carolina Code expressly says that no provision of the mining law supersedes your authority as a county to enforce zoning and local land use ordinances. So, I comment you for doing what you can and doing what you have proposed to do. I do believe it does represent a significant protection for folks living near the quarry, should it choose to locate as they propose to do. Thank you very much.

**Dean Crepes - 724 Vale Crest Drive, Leesville, SC 29070** - I live about three quarters of a mile from the actual quarry. I also own property on both sides of George Craps Road, which is less than a quarter to half mile away. And I own some property on Hwy. 1, which is three quarters of a mile away that is all used for hay purposes, which is farming. The land that I live on has been in my family since the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. This young man right here grew up there, and he still, when he can, hunts the land. The economic impact we are worried about and the decrease in property values to anyone that is within the five-mile radius. I met with the company in question that is coming here back in November and they still have not answered my questions or any of the Ridge Protection Coalition's questions referring to ground water, dust, vibrations, and blasting; nothing. You remember back on February 14 we had a little earthquake that was centered in Edgefield, I believe, it did minor damage to my house and that was 35 miles away. I can imagine what's going to happen three quarters of a mile away. Little Creek, which runs right through the middle of this quarry, is part of the Hollow Creek Watershed, which was cleaned up over the past couple of years. That creek has what we call Black Water, which is crystal clear pure water. Not to mention the nature beauty and wildlife that is around that creek. Medical conditions – I have COPD; very few people know that. I also have a child that has difficulties from allergies. I am going to step down now. There are more people that can talk directly dealing with everything from horses to dogs to bees. Mine is just a family farm that I use for hay and animals. Thank you for supporting and coming up with this ordinance T13-04. Everything else I concur with Mr. Guild.

**Lauren Warmoth - 1350 Devils Backbone Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - First of all, I would like to hand you our petitions and some letters of people who could not be here tonight. I am here today, and I want to commend you on all your efforts to strengthen the mining ordinance in Lexington County and help protect the citizens. On our property, I live there with my husband, Richard, and our two-year-old son, Max. My husband and I started a search in 2002 for a place we could call home for us and our horses. I am an avid equestrian, and I have been riding horses since the age of seven. We bought 30 acres in the Hollow Creek area in 2004 and in 2006, we built our dream home. We love nature, peace and quiet and the beauty of the community, and we love sharing this lifestyle with our young son. Of course, we don't want that to change as many of us don't. I live one and one-half miles from the 300+ acre proposed site at the intersection of Windmill and Stutman Road. We were devastated to learn of this quarry, as well as our neighbors. Some of our neighbors have lived on that land and it has been in their family for generations. We are all very concerned about this quarry and the negative impacts on our community and our way of life. A few of our concerns are the noise and vibrations from blasting and rock crushers and the effects on local livestock. As I said, I was a riding instructor, and I am really worried about children riding their horses and unexpected blasting and the dust as Mr. Guild explained. Also, the large noisy trucks damaging local roads and the depletion of groundwater for our wells. Just the loss of the natural beauty and habitat and the negative impact, of course, that drastically reduces our property values. I do realize that you are here to not only to protect Lexington County residents, but also have to make sure that businesses can flourish. This is a tough job that I believe the actions of a few should never have such a negative impact on so many. By adopting these amendments and tougher mining ordinances you are

protecting Lexington County and we really, really appreciate that. I just want to say that I support Zoning Text Amendment T13-04, Amendment Article 8- Mining Ordinance. Thank you so much for protecting our community.

**Jane Griffin - 561 George Craps Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I happen to be the lucky one who has the proposed quarry in my front yard. I am the closest house to the proposed quarry. I have macular degeneration, and I also have a hearing problem. I have letters from my ophthalmologist and from my audiologist (see file) saying that loud noises and pollution can affect my eyes and my ears, and I hope I can live the rest of my life where I am living. I love it there, and I have lived there for 50 years. My husband and I bought the land and worked very hard to get it and tried to make it what we wanted to be our dream place. I know that you have done everything that you can to help us, and I want to thank you for it. But, I also know that you will be with me and help me and do whatever you will. I thank you all for everything you have done and everything I hope you will do. This is my letter and you can do whatever you want to with it; sell it in the next yard sale. Thank you so much.

**Lowe Sharpe - 1427 Tom Addy Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - My name is Evert Lowe Sharpe and my wife, Trista, and I reside at 1427 Tom Addy Road in Leesville. We have three adult sons that live on property that has been in our family since the early 1800's. My ancestors that farmed the property are buried on the property. My great-great grandfather, William Thomas Derrick, is a Confederate war veteran and he is buried on that property. We built our house in 1996 and we improved 70 acres by practicing good forestry and wildlife management. We got a long history and connection to the land and it is a little more than a mile from the proposed quarry. I only got two main concerns and one has been mentioned about the well water, and I know where we stand on that. Secondly, one that needs to be emphasized, it was mentioned a little bit, but the road network in that area is fragile and it is constantly being patched. I don't know how many of you have been down those roads but they are farm-to-market roads. The roads were designed years ago for slower traffic and lighter vehicles. We are accustomed to blind curves and pot holes and dips and standing water but the trucks when they start taking short routes to get to their job site, back and forth to that quarry, they are going to be coming on those farm-to-market roads. It is going to make them more dangerous because pot holes are going to develop. We have seen a lot more traffic than we use to because of the lake and people living out at the lake getting back and forth to work. That is one of the things that we need to be aware of that is going to happen, even if they comply with the ordinances that y'all have really worked on and got it how we want it. But, if they are somehow able to do it, our roads are going to suffer and South Carolina has already got a problem with roads anyway. I want to personally thank you for protecting us; doing what you did. It's been a lot of work and nobody in the Ridge Protection Coalition will deny that. We have been in constant contact and our elected officials are doing what they are supposed to do. I have not been involved in this process until this happened, but I can assure you that I will be in the future. Thank you very much.

**Chadham Bolles - 2040 Derrick Hollow Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - To the Council, any of you who have never lived in the Olympia section of Columbia and had the nice experience of - I am 72 years old, and I take naps in the afternoon. If y'all have never lived in that area and you

are taking a nap and all of sudden you are blown out of bed because they set off a daggum blast there and then you see a window crack in your house or a glass fall off of a table or a picture fall off the wall, then for the next week or so you are inundated with the dust that is coming down. That is what I want to present to the Council. I wish you, if you have never lived there, you need to talk to some of the people who live in that area and can tell you what they put up with on a daily basis when they do a dynamite blast. If you have never experienced a 500 pound bomb going off in your neighborhood, you need to do it. I have done it in the military and it will scare the beejesus out of you, believe me. Thank you so much for your time. I certainly appreciate it, and I appreciate the work y'all are doing. I do hope you can stop this thing.

**Sherry Lyles - 5168 Augusta Highway, Leesville, SC 29070** - I am only about a mile from the site. I am on the main road, Augusta Highway. That is going to put all that traffic up there. I have honey bees and a guy from the Clemson Extension told me, it is not factual, there has been no proof but, he said good common sense will tell you that dust will affect our honey bees. Who's putting the money up to go and have the tests done to see if a quarry is going to affect the honey bees? But good common sense tells you it will. That is a farm area. I have honey bees. If y'all and some other people let the quarry be there, I will tell you about the honey bees whether it affects them or not. It is going to leave a big scar on our place and I know y'all don't want to do that to the fastest growing county in the state of South Carolina. It is going to be real ugly. I appreciate everything y'all are going to do, but I am not going to exactly say thank you until after y'all have made the quarry leave. And when you do, I will dance a jig in the middle of the street. But, until then, I hope y'all are on our side because big business does not value us people, our citizens. I hope our elected officials will value us. Give us some value. This ordinance, just help us stop the quarry and not just with this ordinance, which is a little candy coated in my opinion, but it is better than nothing.

Chairman Jeffcoat explained that Council voted to leave the road open even though they wanted it closed.

**Wendall Kaminer - 332 Martin Smith Road, Gilbert, SC** - My road joins Old Charleston. B&T sandpit road is a disaster. They cannot fill the pot holes fast enough. Every time it rains, and especially when it freezes, we get six inches or so of hole. How would you like it when your front end hits it to go Boom Boom? Nobody thinks about this but the people are having to repair their cars to travel over the road but yet they are being neglected. Yet people are making money traveling up and down the road. And the people that live on it are being penalized for it because of the upkeep of their vehicles. Just think about it. Deep pockets - Vulcan has deep pockets. Money is just no problem; monies are a flowing. Be careful. Four lane highway up to Old Field. It seems like it is a done deal before we even get started. The wells have been addressed. I own 33 acres adjoining the property. My grandson has expressed the desire he might like to build there one day. But, after hearing about the dust, the explosions, the ground shaking, how can concrete hold up to that. How can a house mortar joints hold up to that? You tell me. How would you like to live there? How would you like to build there? Put yourself in somebody else's position. Council, y'all have done good, but I have noticed that one person has yawned tonight. I hope that boredom is not a sign that they are disinterested; I hope they are just tired. I

appreciate your time and thank you.

**Johnny Brown - 315 Bozard Mill Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - Good evening Council. My main house is in Cayce and the house we own in Leesville is maybe a mile or so from the place. In Cayce we stay near the Vulcan blast and when the earthquake hit last year, we didn't notice it because our house is always shaking because they are blasting all the time down there. My wife asked me was that the mine again, and I said it was a little stronger, but I didn't know. We didn't know until we heard it over the news. And the dust, we stay close to Bozard Mill. The dust from there and the trucks coming in and out, rumbles the house all the time. Our son currently stays in that house and he is concerned because he has three kids also. They, too, suffer from allergies and stuff like that. The water supply has been addressed. We know it has an effect on the ground water. The air quality – that has been addressed. The quality of life - we got the place in the country because we like to get away on the weekends just for the quietness and get away from all the noise, but this is going to bring noise. The trucks can't help but bring noise. Basically, like I said everything has been said, so that is all I have to say.

**Lynda Curtis - 117 Alice Howell Lane, Leesville, SC 29070** - My husband and I live there and I want to concur with everything that has been said. But, I also want to say that when I found out about this, I was actually riding a horse, sitting on a horse, when I found out about the quarry and it was on Devils Backbone Road. So my first concern at that moment was if they were blasting right now, where would I be? I would probably be on the ground. I enjoy riding horses, and I love the area, and I am very worried about being able to continue doing that. The other thing is that for several years my husband and I have purchased all natural organic beef from a farmer on Hollow Creek, and I am very concerned about the stress level of those animals. That is the only beef that we've eaten for the past four years and I know what stress can do to animals. That is what I do for a living. I work with animals and stress can affect them in so many ways. So I am concerned about the food that I eat with the blasting and what it will do to their health. I am a very avid naturalist, and I am also concerned for the loss of wildlife. I want to thank you for your service and what you are doing for us and what you do for everyone in Lexington County. I ask you to please pass this amendment. Thank you.

**Larry Gunter - 576 Old Field Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I am about a half a mile from the quarry and you wouldn't believe what it takes for me to just get up here in front of a crowd. My place, I have been there for 20 years. It seems like I have been there for two. I am a Vietnam Vet. My MOS was demolition expert. I go to the VA hospital every other week for therapy to help me cope with the things that I had to do. I can't think of everything I need to say. But if this quarry comes in and they were blasting from 7 to 7, it would destroy me. That is all I got to say. Thank you.

**James Summers - 741 Elmore Black Drive, Leesville, SC 29070** - Good evening my name is Sergeant First Class James Summers. I live about a half a mile from the proposed site. We live on land that has been in our family for about 220 years. We built there about 7 years ago after I returned from Iraq. I moved there; we used to live at the lake. We moved there to get away from the hustle and bustle of the lake and the mold and mildew of our lake home. We built our

home there because our son has XOA and PFAPA, an auto immune disorder, along with acute asthma. Since moving there our 10-year-old son has improved drastically. He was able to start the third grade in public school last year, and he is now playing sports. His allergist and immunologist both agree that the quarry could severely affect his improvements and he will suffer from acute asthmatic reactions. And, we also have a fourteen-year-old daughter and a twelve-year-old daughter that has a lot of food allergies and allergies to trees, all kinds of stuff. So, the quarry would put my children's health at risk. I am reading this instead of from memorization because I have short-term and long-term memory loss from repeated concussions and explosions that I suffered from war. I have multiple TBI's. I have PTSD, anxiety disorder and numerous other injuries; one that I sustained last year in Afghanistan that I am recovering from right now. I can tell you - in Iraq I was in charge of mine clearing and detonation of mines, so I am very familiar with shock waves and the concussion waves that come with all that stuff. Like I said, I had an injury last year. Last year when I was in Afghanistan, a plane crashed about 50 yards from me, killing seven people. That is when I sustained another TBI and things like that. So, I have worked with explosives and things for over 25 years in the military; suffering from the shock waves and effect. I know what it is going to do to the people and our environment and it is irreversible. I do not want this for my family or my neighbors. I have a hard time now dealing with loud noises, people, sudden movements and explosions. I have fought for the rights of our Country, and I have never thought that I would return home and fight for my own land and quality and peace of mind in my neighborhood. I served my Country for 25 years and it is time for me to retire in peace and quiet and continue to heal so I can get better and be a better husband and father. With the quarry I cannot say that I will ever heal. I cannot imagine how the quarry will affect my life and the numerous other veterans that live in our community. Thank y'all very much for what you are doing for us. I am in support of the zoning amendment, and I hope they don't come. Thank you.

**P. C. Rikard, Jr. - 224 Breezy Hill Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I live about a mile and a quarter from the quarry. I want to thank the members of the County Council and all the ladies and gentlemen here for listening and taking the time to listen to what I got to say. Some of it may be a little bit repetitious but I know it is getting kind of hard to concur. I am the Chairman of the Hollow Creek watershed Board, which is considered five people. The Board members consist of Verne Caughman, Vice Chairman; Tony Crapps, Secretary; Bill Scott and Paul Swygert are all members. We are elected by the residents of the Hollow Creek watershed. At the present, we have the mission of cleaning up and preserving the water and land within the watershed area. We work closely with the Lexington County Soil and Water District, the Storm Water Division personnel, NRCS and DHEC. Our waters we want as clean as possible, which that has already been said. But, most everyone around us depends on wells. We don't have town water. What will happen if our wells quit functioning? Not only the people, but livestock, ponds, poultry farms and everything will be affected. We presently now have a 319 grant, which, I think, most everyone is aware of. That was a \$574,738 grant. This grant was sixty percent paid by the Federal; the remaining forty percent was paid by the user. The user paying for his working time, materials and equipment he used to perform his operations. This grant was paid to the Lexington County Storm Water Division with the supervision of the ones I mentioned. The Storm Water Division recently turned back to DHEC \$85,000. They kept back

\$100,000 for projects presently being worked on and in the system as of now. Under this grant were repairs and upgrading of resident's septic tanks and everything going into Hollow Creek. This stream that is going through the mining quarry is headed right for Hollow Creek and right on to Lake Murray. We believe that putting a rock quarry in this watershed area would have a negative effect on our ground water and defeat the tax dollars being spent to conserve our natural resources. In addition to the environmental issues involved, I could keep on going, but I want to thank you very much for your time and consideration of these most important concerns. Thank you very much.

**Pansy Buzhardt - 334 Highland Avenue, Batesburg, SC** - I am here supporting this group, and I am representing myself, my husband, and other realtors in our group. What I want to primarily talk about is not the science, not the health issues, not the absolute scarring and disfiguring of beautiful property. It is easy to lose things. We have a natural tendency to often as human beings to be destructive. I have comments that I will submit for the record that are written, but I thought I would speak extemporaneously for my time. I was thinking this afternoon what would I say and I thought you know, the scripture begins with Genesis and ends with Revelations and in the very beginning, God asked Cain about where is your brother. "Where is your brother Able?" Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" We are our brothers' keepers aren't we, everyday and in every way. When we have failures it is because we have failed to be our brothers' keepers. We fail to listen. You folks have apparently really listened and we are appreciative of that. But, a machine can take statistics and facts and figures, but only a human being can take facts, figures, history, science, literature and synthesize that into wise leadership. In Lexington County I think, we by and large, do have wise, caring leadership. I really appreciate y'all's support on this. The sad part about this ordinance and the potato farm fiasco on the Edisto is that apparently we had deficiencies in these ordinances and laws that you could drive an 18-wheeler through because there is no way as a human being to anticipate everything. Who could anticipate a three thousand acre potato farm, who can anticipate that people were literally willing to make the treasured Edisto a mere mud puddle? And who could ever have anticipated that anyone would have imposed a quarry, 300 acres into a beautiful country setting? So we thank y'all, and we know you couldn't have anticipated that. We only can change the laws when those laws are tested. I thank you very much for what you have done. And, this is clearly a cost- if you do a cost- benefit analysis, who benefits? Vulcan. We are going to have 25 jobs. In South Carolina, tourism is our number one trade and why people come here. They love it, and they move here. The housing industry produces a lot more jobs without the detrimental effects than this quarry ever would. This is for 60 years and we will all be pushing up daisies when this quarry is put to sleep. Thank you and please continue to fight for us. Wouldn't it be nice if every time there is a Council meeting people turned out? We thank you very much.

**Catherine S. Smith - 158 Thedo Bush Rd., Gilbert, SC** - I concur.

**Carole Bastian - 2452 Irvin Risinger Road** - I live about a mile from the proposed quarry. I want to thank all of you for taking time to listen to us. I am not really from around here. I was born and raised in Texas, and I have only lived here a dozen or so years, so I am probably the new girl in the room. Among the reasons I chose to move here was the peaceful nature of

western Lexington County. The fact that our biggest traffic jam is for the Poultry Festival, I can hear birds singing all day long and there is still indigenous wildlife that wanders in and out of my yard all the time. I am willing to forgo the convenience of a movie theatre, a large selection of restaurants and shops and entertainment that would be available in the city in order to enjoy the quiet mornings and afternoons out in our neck of the woods. There are a number of reasons that all of us oppose the proposed Vulcan mine - water quality, air quality, etc. and we recognize that many of those things are out of the purview of the County Council. By its very nature though, an open pit mine is an ugly operation and there is little anybody can do to make it pretty. The purpose of zoning regulations, however, is to limit the negative impact of any undertaking on the folks who already live in the area and those who may live there decades from now. The proposed amendments to Article VIII of the County zoning regulations is one of those things that County Council can do, and I applaud you for considering these changes. Not just in regards to the proposed mine in our area, but for mining activities across the County. I also have been asked to mention to you guys that one of the problems that we anticipate is school buses stopping to pick up or let children off on these curvy roads. Someone earlier mentioned our little narrow roads. Back in there school buses run up and down. Great big trucks meeting a school bus with kids is probably not a great idea. I support the adoption of Zoning Text Amendment T13-04 and encourage you all to vote for it. Thank you so much for your time.

**Lisa M. Lewis - 120 Old Field Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I am less than 1,000 yards from the proposed site. I have lived in Lexington County all my life. The first 36 years in Cayce and I still have a home and family there. The next 13 years we moved out to Leesville for peaceful country life, although it is becoming less country. My husband raises chickens, and we have a garden. I concur with everything else everybody said, but I wanted you to know how close I live and the dump trucks that will be coming up and down the road in front of my house, right there at the entrance. So, I am very thankful for the ordinance. If the mine does come, the buffers will provide us noise control, I am assuming. There is nothing you can do about the shaking. I have lived in Cayce so I know about the vibrations of the house, and I have some foundation problems on the rental house I have in Cayce from the shaking. Ultimately, the hours of operation which you have up there right now are important because at night we can go to bed without hearing those trucks up and down the road and the blasting going on. Ultimately, I do not want the mine to come, but if it does have to come, your actions as a Council, and I thank you for it, will afford us somewhat of a protection. Thank you.

**Robert Owen - 2080 Owens Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I concur.

**William B. Barr - 2452 Irvin Risinger Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - I am a contract archeologist. I live approximately one mile from where Vulcan wants to put their quarry. Although, I have lived in South Carolina for 20 years, I came here to get my Master's Degree. My family settled in the Leesville area when they came from Saluda County in 1810. My family still continues to reside there and owns that same property. First of all, I want to thank the Council for taking up this issue. I have read through the proposed amendment and feel that it contains reasonable limitations upon an industry that will definitely change the way of life for those residents who live around it. In that vein, I support the adoption of these amendments. I

also want to thank the Council for keeping Stutman Road open to the public. But with the widening of Highway 1, those of us who work or have business in Lexington or Columbia will have to find alternative ways to get there during the construction period. Two avenues to get there are 378 and 178. It is my opinion, that over the next couple of years, that the traffic on Stutman Road will increase significantly as it allows a direct route through Gilbert and then Barr Road; as well as, access to Interstate 20. So, thank you very, very much for that decision. Personally, I am 62 years old. I have COPD, a condition that is aggravated by fine particles of sand and dirt. And, although I do face a problem with breathing and dust from my work, it is only on a per job basis and generally only for a short period of time. Therefore, I suspect that the dust from the quarry on a day- in and day- out basis will have severe negative impacts on my health. I am also concerned about the noise from its operation. As it is now, the train from town is over two miles away from my home and I can hear it every time it comes through. My additional concerns, like everyone else's, is the well water, the wildlife and other factors. Secondly, I am sure you all know this - the residents of western Lexington County are not anti-business. In fact, they are exceedingly pro-business and just this week the Chamber announced the weeklong celebration of their contribution to the community. This has been the case for centuries ever since the railroad came through Batesburg-Leesville in 1868 to the present. Western Lexington County has welcomed new industries. In fact, my great-grandfather, C. D. Barr, had nine businesses of his own and was on the Board for several other prominent businesses such as the Hendrix Brothers, who also had several businesses in downtown Lexington during the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. However, these were businesses of their own choosing and although they were certainly able to afford a quarry had they wanted to get into that business, they chose not to. In the same vein had I wanted to live near a quarry when I moved to South Carolina, I would have moved to Cayce or Olympia Village. My final thought on this issue is that not too long ago Batesburg-Leesville was the two largest towns in Lexington County. As Lexington has grown, large areas within Western Lexington County contain bedroom communities that supply labor for manufacturing throughout the County. At present Batesburg-Leesville is attempting to build an Industrial park and it is my fear that the presence of this quarry will hinder the town's ability to attract the types of light industry that has been historically sought by the town's leaders. This is not just a Chicken Little cry, but a legitimate concern where one only has to look to the town of Blair in Fairfield County. Carolina Rock Services, which is now Vulcan Materials, has operated a quarry and rock crushing operation there for years. In 2008 they completed the purchase of the neighboring 400 acre Blair family property, so they could expand that quarry. It is my opinion, that if they start operations in the Batesburg-Leesville area, they will immediately look to expand. At the time I did the archeological survey for that expansion in Fairfield County, there was only a post office and a trailer there. No stores, no restaurants, no open businesses, just a post office and a trailer. Thank you for your consideration.

**Kendra Price - 213 Stutman Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - Not present.

**Kathy Tillman - 1828 Windmill Road, Leesville, SC 29070** - Good evening. My husband and I, Reggie, live about a mile from Stutman Road where the proposed mine would be. We are not native South Carolinians; we transferred here from Georgia. We lived there since 1989 and there

is a reason we chose to live there. We looked at different areas all around because I worked in downtown Columbia but we found this area and this community and it just what everybody has said. It is beautiful, peaceful and quiet. There are no stores, no crowding and traffic. And, as many of us have said, that is why we chose to live there. I guess the one thing that concerns me is that because we did choose to live there, I feel it is part of our right to be able to continue to live as we choose to live. I feel like that right has been totally taken out of our hands or will be. So I thank you for your support and please do everything that you can for us because that is a beautiful community and it should be preserved for the people who have lived there and, hopefully, will want to live there in the future. Thank you all.

**Thomas Morell - 212 N. Wonder Drive, Leesville, SC 29070** - I have lived there since 1978. We live on Lake Murray. Things that we have noticed over time was this weekend the Poultry Festival had its firework show and it is at least seven or eight miles away and we clearly heard all the fireworks go off from their display. So, you don't really think about explosions and what it is going to do to your house by shaking things, but when the earthquake came (that was mentioned earlier) I came running out of the house and we felt the house shaking and heard it and my neighbor came out too. So, that ridge of rock that we are sitting on out there, which is a great place for Vulcan to try to find rock, it also transfers that shaking and the noise a lot further than it would if it were sand land because rock is obviously going to transfer stuff. My main concerns - I have been looking for property because I want to have more acreage and it has been noted by folks here that it has been owned by families for hundreds of years and it is almost impossible to find a nice place to move into because nobody wants to give up their land. So one of the places that we did look at was literally right across the street on Windmill Road from where this proposed site is. I am glad we didn't get it. There is a piece of property on Stutman Road and their asking price is fair, nice property and would be perfect for what I am looking for, but there is no way that I would purchase anywhere in the area that I have been looking for because, who would do that? It would be like a musician who was buying a guitar and having someone stick an ice pick through it immediately. You don't know what you are going to get. The last thing that was briefly mentioned earlier by the real estate agent is that the property values are clearly impacted. I wouldn't give \$50,000 for that property right now, not knowing what the impact is going to be on Stutman Road, even within the three mile area that I am looking at from Cedar Grove Road to 391 to Hwy 1. There is not a lot of property for sale. The last thing is that my daughter, she lives in Evans Addy and works at Economy Furniture in Leesville, and she has a new baby and they have to travel Hwy 1 back and forth all the time and the fear that statistically someone is going to get hurt on those roads because of that extra truck traffic. So those concerns, it is not and if, but a when. I appreciate your moving on this like you have and hopefully they will choose to move elsewhere. Thank you.

**James Tillman - 1828 Windmill Road, Leesville, SC** - I have lived there since 1989 and I love it out there. Looking ahead 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years, I think this mine would be a bad idea for the community. I appreciate if you could help us stop this. Thank you.

**Gayle Hite -1925 Paul Hite Road** - I concur.

**Mary Hite - 1925 Paul Hite Road** - I concur.

**Mildred Rankin - 739 Old Field Road** - I concur

Chairman Jeffcoat thanked everyone in attendance and said Council is interested and do care and that is why we are here. We heard you loud and clear and you have made some excellent points. I don't know of a point that I don't agree with. You have made it very clear to us and your presence alone tells us where you stand on the issue.

Chairman Jeffcoat said normally when there is a project or zoning change in a particular council district, we look at the district person in that district to see if he can give us feedback how the people in that district feel. And you should applaud Mr. Townsend because he has worked really hard to make sure that your voice was heard by this council and that is why we are taking the steps we are taking.

**Council Comments** - Councilman Cullum asked Mr. Compton, Director of Planning and GIS the next step for Zoning Text Amendment T13-04.

Mr. Compton replied that it will be presented to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Cullum said the second vote was taken place prior to the public hearing, which is unusual as we like to listen to your feedback before we vote, but thinks by doing so, sends you a message of how serious we take this matter as we voted unanimously to support the proposed language prior to your comments. After the Planning Commission, Zoning Text Amendment T13-04 will go back to the Planning and Administration Committee for a final vote.

Councilman Townsend said when he first heard of the quarry he thought about Economic Development and thought the people would love that, but did not think about the ramifications of the people living around it. But once we listened to you, I want you to know that we went back to Mr. Roger Dunlap, Vice President of Operations in Greenville, and we called him up and told him we would not and could not support it because we represent the people and they don't want it in their backyard. He wasn't happy about it, but wanted him to know upfront where he stood and want you (the audience) to know that too. Thank you.

Councilman Keisler thanked everyone in attendance. He said this is what a public hearing is about. Having people here and giving their input. Because, for an example, a couple of years ago we had an issue and no one showed up but when we had the third and final reading, everybody was here, which was too late.

Councilwoman Summers said Mr. Townsend is a good representative, but tonight his community has shown there are a lot of other leaders out there that love their community and could do a good job as well. There are so many opportunities to give back to your community, so I ask you to consider it.

Chairman Jeffcoat closed the public hearing.

**Old Business/New Business** - None.

**Executive Session/Legal Briefing** - Chairman Jeffcoat reported, during the earlier meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Council discussed four legal matters and one personnel matter. There were no motions to be considered.

**Adjournment** - Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to adjourn.

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| In Favor: | Mr. Jeffcoat | Mr. Collins  |
|           | Mr. Cullum   | Mr. Kinard   |
|           | Mr. Townsend | Ms. Summers  |
|           | Mr. Keisler  | Mr. Matthews |

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat  
Chairman