

**PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JULY 25, 2006**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:05 p.m. Mr. Owens, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Joseph W. Owens, Chairman	Johnny W. Jeffcoat, V Chairman
John W. Carrigg, Jr.	William C. Billy Derrick
Debra B. Summers	M. Todd Cullum

Also attending: Katherine Doucett, County Administrator; Larry Porth; Finance Director/Deputy County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

Update on the Midlands Commission on Homelessness - Mr. Samuel J. Tenenbaum - Mr. Samuel J. Tenenbaum updated the committee on the Midlands Commission on Homelessness. Mr. Tenenbaum asked that the committee give consideration to the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement. The agreement would establish a commission on homelessness to which Richland County, the City of Columbia, and Lexington County would contribute each fiscal year \$100,000 for four consecutive years. The committee requested Jeff Anderson, County attorney, to review the agreement. No action taken.

Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement - City of Cayce - Community Development - Ron Scott, Director - Mr. Ron Scott, Director of Community Development, asked that the committee consider entering into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Cayce to join the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the City of Cayce will be for the Program Years 2007 and 2008 (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2009).

Mr. Cullum make a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council that the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement be approved.

Mr. Derrick made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum that staff establish a policy and procedure so CDBG funding will be equally distributed between entities that join the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The vote in favor of the amendment was unanimous.

The vote in favor of the motion as amended was unanimous.

Zoning Text Amendment T05-11 - Article 2 - Application of Regulations; Chapter 3, Buffering Restrictions - (Height Regulations) - 2nd Reading - Mr. Charlie Compton, Director of Planning & GIS, asked the committee to consider additional changes recommended by the Planning Commission to Section 23.01 as they relate to the Edisto and Saluda Rivers.

Under Saluda River, the word **average** was deleted and the word **highest** was inserted. The new wording is: That height is measured from the **highest** elevation of the building as it leaves the ground. Also added was: **For the purpose of this ordinance, the Saluda River is considered to begin 4000 feet downstream from its discharge point below the Lake Murray Dam.**

Under Edisto River, the word **average** was deleted and the word **highest** was inserted. The new wording is: That height is measured from the **highest** elevation of the building as it leaves the ground.

Zoning Text Amendment T06-04 - Article 2 - Application of Regulations; Buffering Restrictions (Golf Courses) - 2nd Reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend that full Council proceed with second reading of Zoning Text Amendment T05-11 as amended and to proceed with second reading of Zoning Text Amendment T06-04.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Authorization for a Grant Submittal for Pictometry - Planning & GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Charlie Compton, Director of Planning & GIS, asked that the committee consider a request to apply for a grant from the United States Geodetic Survey (USGS) for the Pictometry Project. The grant in the amount of \$45,000 is to assist with the purchase of pictometry images and software. This is a 100 percent grant with no personnel involved.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council that staff be authorized to move forward with the grant application.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Impact Fees - Planning & GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Charlie Compton, Director of Planning & GIS, briefed the committee on Impact Fees and the recent property tax restructuring passed by the Legislature. He stated under a provision effective June 10, 2006, the County may elect to adopt an ordinance that would allow the County to begin collecting taxes on new construction in the County for the first half of the year. Information only. No action taken.

Approval of Quit Claim Deed - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend that Council approve the Quit Claim Deed.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Information Services Technology Assessment by State Chief Information Office (CIO) - Information Services - Jim Schafer, Director and Ms. Dell Ford, Director of Information Management Services, CIO - Ms. Dell Ford, Director of Information Management Services, CIO, reviewed the Technology Assessment for Lexington County as identified by the State Budget and Control Board, Division of the State Chief Information Office. Four strategic initiatives were identified in the summary; 1) Develop a County-wide Strategic IT Plan, 2) Develop a County-wide Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Plan, 3) Develop and Update Protection and Security Policies, and 4) Review the current Organizational Structure of IT. Information only. No action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of June 20, 2006 - A motion was made Ms. Summers, seconded Mr. Derrick to approve the June 20, 2006 minutes as submitted.

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

Old Business/New Business - None.

Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to Clerk

Joseph W. Owens
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk