

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
OCTOBER 13, 2009**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:50 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman	William C. Billy Derrick
William B. Banning, Sr.	M. Todd Cullum
Debra B. Debbie Summers	

Absent:

*John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman

*Mr. Carrigg was out of town on business with the Central Midlands Council of Governments.

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

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

HOME Investment Partnerships Program Amendment to 2008-09 Annual Action Plan (Goals 2&3) - Community Development - Ronald T. Scott, Director - Mr. Scott presented a request to reallocate funds from the 2008-09 HOME Investment Partnership Program. He reported there is \$130,000 set aside in the program with \$30,000 for Housing Counseling and Education and \$100,000 for a New Home Construction project. Through partnerships with the Columbia Housing Authority, educational classes have been secured for Lexington County residents at no cost. The classes are required for first-time buyers through the HOME Program. In addition, staff have been trained and certified to perform these classes beginning next year. Mr. Scott reported due to environmental delays, Habitat for Humanity will not be able to meet the deadline for the New Home Construction project required for the use of the HOME funds. Staff recommends reallocating \$80,000 to the Homeownership Assistance Program and \$50,000 to the Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Project. This would bring this year's totals for the Homeownership Assistance to \$235,000 and the CHDO to \$300,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Amendment to the 2008-09 Annual Action Plan.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Map Amendment M09-02 - Irmo Drive - 2nd Reading - Community

Development - Walt McPherson, Zoning Administrator - Mr. McPherson reported that the Planning Commission met on September 17 to review Zoning Map Amendment Application M09-02 - Irmo Drive. The application is a request for a change in the zoning classification for a portion of the property to allow for construction services activity on Irmo Drive next to 8024 Irmo Drive. Mr. McPherson reported the Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote of seven to zero.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Cullum to recommend to full Council to approve 2nd Reading of M09-02.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Map Amendment M09-03 - Fox Trot Trail - 2nd Reading - Community

Development - Walt McPherson, Zoning Administrator - Mr. McPherson reported the Planning Commission met on September 17 to review Zoning Map Amendment Application M09-03 - Fox Trot Trail. The application is a request for at street classification change for the western portion of Fox Trot Trail from RL4 (Residential Local Four) to L (Local) so the applicant can operate her business legally. Mr. McPherson reported the Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous vote of seven to zero.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve 2nd Reading of M09-03.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Text Amendment T08-11 - Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr.

Compton reviewed changes made to Zoning Text Amendment T08-11 - Article 2 - Application of Regulations - Chapter 4 - Signs, and other related sections of the Zoning Ordinance as applicable. He reported the Planning Commission met on September 17 and addressed several items brought up by the Committee at their last meeting. Mr. Compton highlighted changes made under Digital Technology and Real Estate Signs. He noted changes to the Nonconformity Article to include 30-day notices required for signs using digital technology and electronic message boards with a 90-day compliance period. The Planning Commission requests to move forward with the public hearing which will allow this amendment and those involving the Landscape Ordinance to move towards adoption simultaneously. Following policy, the amendment will be renumbered from T08-11 to T09-07. A new 1st reading is scheduled to be held on October 27 with Public Hearing scheduled for November 10, 2009. For information only, no action taken.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of August 25, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the August 25, 2009 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Land Use Growth - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk