

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2009**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:10 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

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.

Zoning Map Amendment M09-06 - Garden Valley Lane -2nd Reading - Community Development - Walt McPherson, Zoning Administrator - The Committee agreed to delay 2nd Reading of Zoning Map Amendment M09-06.

Ordinance 09-01 - An Ordinance Amending the Lexington County Landscape Ordinance - 2nd Reading - (Goal 2) - Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Compton presented Ordinance 09-01 for 2nd Reading. He recommended new text for Scenic Corridors, listed in the appendix on page 10 of the Ordinance, to state “corridors may be removed from or added to upon recommendation of the Planning Commission and approval of County Council at any scheduled meeting.” Detailed maps of the scenic corridors were presented for review. Mr. Compton also recommended adopting the new rules now and delay expansion of the Landscape Ordinance countywide until July 1, 2010. The Committee discussed Community Development staffing needs with the expansion of the Landscape Ordinance that may need to be considered during the 2010-11 budget process. The Committee suggested crossing-training of current staff to handle the expansion.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve 2nd Reading of Ordinance 09-01 - An Ordinance Amending the Lexington County Landscape Ordinance and to adopt and implement the new rules now, including the designation of the Scenic Corridors , with expansion of the Landscape Ordinance countywide effective on July 1, 2010.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Zoning Text Amendment T09-07- Article 2 - Application of Regulations - Chapter 5 - Signs, and Other Related Sections of the Zoning Ordinance as Applicable - 2nd Reading - (Goal 2) - Planning and GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Compton presented Zoning Text Amendment T09-07. He reported the Planning Commission formerly endorsed T09-07 at their meeting on November 19, 2009. He said that the only addition was for the height of business signs, shown on page 10, as “the maximum height allowed for business signs along roadways shall be measured from the elevation of the roadway, unless the elevation of the sign location is higher than the roadway.”

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve 2nd Reading of Zoning Text Amendment T09-07.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Information Booth Staffing - Human Resources - Lori Adler, Director - Ms. Adler presented a request for proposed changes to staffing for the Information Booth. The booth is currently staffed by one individual, Ms. Derrial Gardner, who has tenured her resignation to retire. Ms. Adler is recommending the full-time position of 40 hours per week be split into two part-time positions of 25 hours per week without benefits. Current full-time salary with benefits is \$39,268 and the proposed two part-time salaries without benefits would be \$33,056. The proposed change would be a decrease of \$6,212 to the yearly budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to approve staff’s request for the proposed changes in the Information Booth staffing.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of October 13 and 27, 2009 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the October 13 and 27, 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