

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 23, 2013**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:25 p.m. Mr. Kent Collins, Vice Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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| *Debra B. Summers, Chair | M. Kent Collins, V Chairman |
| James E. Kinard, Jr. | K. Brad Matthews |
| M. Todd Cullum | |

*Ms. Summers arrived after the meeting was already in session.

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; John Fechtel, 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, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

N-Sync Committee Briefing (Goal 2) - Planning & GIS - Charlie Compton, Director of Planning and GIS - Mr. Compton presented a briefing on the N-Sync Committee which met on Friday, April 5, 2013. He reported they reviewed the new State law passed last year, Amendments to Title 55, which requires local government notifications to the State Aeronautics Commission of land use changes around all airports in South Carolina. The Committee addressed two major sign concerns - political signs and clutter of temporary signs at roadsides and intersections. For political signs, Mr. Compton reported the committee envisions a joint communication effort working with the Lexington County Political Parties for managing signs. For temporary roadside and intersection signs, he outlined three general categories: 1) not-so-temporary signs advertising firewood, landscaping services, cheap mortgages, "we buy houses," etc.; 2) innocently placed signs for birthday parties, yard sales, church bazaars, lost pets, etc.; and, 3) weekend real estate signs. All the jurisdictions are supportive of a County-wide initiative. Mr. Compton reported he met with staff from Community Development and the Sheriff's Department to develop a strategy the County could initiate immediately and presented an outline of recommendations. He suggested if Council wished to proceed with the proposed recommendations there needs to be an initial joint meeting with the Town of Lexington followed by a meeting with the Home Builders Association and include Council representatives at both meetings. Mr. Compton indicated there would need to be a scheduled Council meeting for discussion on possible exemptions. The Committee asked about the municipalities' participation in the N-Sync Committee meeting. Mr. Compton responded the overall attendance was good; however, a few confirmed but did not attend. The Committee asked staff for a list of no-shows. Staff to invite representatives from the City of Columbia for the Harbison area to the next N-Sync

Committee meeting. For information only, no action taken.

Meeting of March 26, 2013 - Approval of Minutes - A motion was made by Mr. Matthews, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the March 26, 2013 minutes as submitted.

In Favor: Ms. Summers Mr. Matthews
 Mr. Cullum Mr. Kinard
 Mr. Collins

New Business - Municipalities Attendance at County Meetings - Mr. Jeffcoat asked staff to advise Council on the municipalities' attendance for those invited to participate in County meetings such as the N-Sync Committee.

Old Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Summers
Chair

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk