

M I N U T E S
LEXINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL
February 9, 2010

Lexington County Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 in Council Chambers beginning at 4:30 p.m. Chairman Kinard presided.

Prior to opening the meeting, Chairman Kinard reported that Ms. Summers would not be in attendance as her husband is in the hospital.

Reverend Lonnie Shull, Retired Senior Pastor of West Columbia First Baptist Church and Chaplain with Lexington Medical Center, gave the invocation. Mr. Derrick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending:	James E. Kinard, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.
	William C. Derrick	George H. (Smokey) Davis
	Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
	John W. Carrigg, Jr.	Todd Cullum

Not Present: Debra B. Summers *

*Ms. Summers was out due to a family emergency.

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, III, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; 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.

Lexington High School Economics and Government Class - Mr. Kinard recognized students from Lexington High School attending as part of their economics and government class assignment.

Presentation of Lexington County Economic Development Ambassador Award to Stewart Mungo by Chuck Whipple, Economic Development Manager - Mr. Whipple presented the Lexington County Economic Development Ambassador award to Stewart Mungo in honor of his dedication to improve the County's business environment. Mr. Mungo raised over \$30,000 for the Airport Boulevard Beautification Project to beautify Airport Boulevard.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Kinard reported he and Councilmen Banning, Jeffcoat, and Carrigg toured the V.C. Summer facility and was quite impressed with the facility.

Council Members' Activities and/or Comments - Mr. Banning reported he and Councilman Jeffcoat attended the Midlands Real Estate Symposium; he and Mr. Whipple attended the Lexington County Development Board quarterly meeting; represented Council at the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority meeting and he and Councilman Jeffcoat were involved in the Lexington Leader's Symposium.

Administrator's Report - President's Day - Ms. Hubbard announced that the County Administrative offices will be closed Monday, February 15, in observance of President's Day.

Lexington County Energy Expo - The event will take place on Friday, March 5 from 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Saluda Shoals Park River Center. The County along with the assistance of the Irmo-Chapin Recreation Commission will sponsor the event to educate citizens on how to make their homes and lifestyles more energy efficient.

County Veterinarian - Ms. Hubbard introduced Dr. Jennifer Bonnema, the County's new veterinarian.

Employee Recognition - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator - Ms. Hubbard recognized Mark Akers, Building Services, for successfully passing the South Carolina Accredited Commercial Energy Manager's exam.

Ms. Hubbard said Ms. Debbie Gunter, Registrar, received an e-mail from a citizen praising Terry Defee for her exemplary customer service skills.

Presentation of Resolution - North Region Presented by Councilmen John Carrigg and Johnny Jeffcoat - Postponed.

Appointments - None.

Bids/Purchases/RFPs - A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the following Bids/Purchases/RFPs (Tabs - L, M, N and O).

Housing Rehabilitation Project - 305 Vincenne Road - Community Development - Competitive bids were solicited for the Housing Rehabilitation Project at 305 Vincenne Road to bring the residence up to the current building code. Eight (8) bids were received. Staff recommended the award of the bid of \$34,549 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Ted Clark Construction.

Jail Management System Biometrics Component - Sheriff's Department - Resumes were solicited from qualified engineering firms to establish a contract to provide a Jail Management System Biometrics Component for the Lexington County Sheriff's Department. Two (2) resumes were received. Staff recommended the award of the contract to ID Software, Inc. The total cost for the system, including hardware and software is \$140,000. In addition, additional maintenance cost for the Sheriff's Department is charged on an annual basis, which will start on year two after the "go live" date. The total amount of the ID Software support and maintenance will be \$15,400 annually. There will also be an annual cost of \$5,805 for an extended maintenance agreement to cover costs on the Motorola handheld units.

Request for Approval to Utilize the Competitive Sealed Proposal Process for the Acquisition of Seven (7) Digital In-Car Video Systems - Sheriff's Department - Staff requested permission to utilize the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to seek competitive proposals from potential qualified bidders for seven (7) digital in-car video systems for the Sheriff's Department. Due to the scope of the project, it is not practical or advantageous to write a comprehensive set of specifications that may limit resources or restrict competition. In selecting a contractor, other award criteria in addition to cost will be considered. A review panel will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating proposals based upon specific evaluation factors.

Request for Approval to Utilize the Competitive Sealed Proposal Process for the Acquisition of a Courthouse Camera Security System - Sheriff's Department - Staff requested permission to utilize the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to seek competitive proposals from potential qualified bidders for the courthouse camera security system at the Lexington County Marc H. Westbrook Judicial Center. Due to the scope of the project, it is not practical or advantageous to write a comprehensive set of specifications that may limit resources or restrict competition. In selecting a contractor, other award criteria in addition to cost will be considered. A review panel will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating proposals based upon specific evaluation factors.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Cullum

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of January 12, 2010 - Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve the January 12, 2010 minutes as submitted.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Zoning Amendments - Zoning Map Amendment M09-08 - Boyd Miller Circle - 3rd and Final Reading - Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve third and final reading.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Zoning Text Amendment T09-04 - Designation of the Lexington County Airport District - 2nd Reading - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to approve second reading.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Ordinance - Ordinance 10-02 - An Ordinance Authorizing Pursuant to Chapter 44 of Title 12, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, the Execution and Delivery of a Fee Agreement Between Lexington, South Carolina and Republic National Distributing Company, LLC; the Addition of Certain Property to the Joint County Industrial Park so as to Enlarge the Park; and Matters Relating Thereto - 2nd Reading - Mr. Cullum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to approve second reading.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Committee Reports - Justice, S. Davis, Chairman - Seized Narcotics Replacement Vehicle - Mr. Davis reported the Justice Committee met on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, to review a request from the Sheriff's Department to accept a seized narcotics replacement vehicle. Following is the Committee Report:

Col. Allan Paavel, Sheriff's Department, presented a request to accept a 1999 Ford Expedition as a replacement vehicle through a narcotics seizure and permission to accept it into the Sheriff's Department fleet as an unmarked vehicle. The Ford Expedition would replace a 1987 Dodge Van. Mr. Paavel reported that the vehicle has been inspected by the County's Fleet Services and found to be in very good condition. The total value of the Ford Expedition is listed at \$3,160 and the only associated cost involved includes the operating costs of fuel, repairs, and maintenance.

The Justice Committee voted unanimously to recommend that full Council approve staff's request to accept the 1999 Ford Expedition as a replacement vehicle and to accept it into the Sheriff's Department fleet.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the acceptance of the 1999 Ford Expedition into the Sheriff's Department fleet as an unmarked vehicle.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Victims of Crime Act Grant Application - Mr. Davis reported during the afternoon Justice Committee, the Committee also considered staff's request to be allowed to submit a Victims of Crime Act Grant application. The application in the amount of \$110,360 is for a victim's advocate, operating supplies, vehicle, laptop, and other capital equipment. The grant requires a 20 percent in-kind cash match, which will come from personnel salary. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve staff's request to move forward with the

submittal of the grant application.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Health & Human Services, J. Jeffcoat, Chairman - 2008 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Amendment Award - Mr. Jeffcoat reported that the Health & Human Services Committee met to consider the acceptance of the FY08 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Amendment award of \$5,155.42. This was the result of the discontinuation of the Emergency Communications Network portion of the FY08 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant. The award will be used to purchase a laptop storage cart, projector screen and printer. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Jeffcoat made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to accept the 2008 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG) Amendment award in the amount of \$5,155.42.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Public Works, B. Derrick, Chairman - 319 Grant Proposal for TMDL Implementation Hollow Creek Watershed Grant Application - Mr. Derrick reported the Committee met during the afternoon to review staff's request to apply for the 319 Grant TMDL Implementation Hollow Creek Watershed grant. This grant will allow the County the opportunity to implement a TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) to reduce pollutants through various Best Management Practices. The grant application in the amount of \$550,000 requires a 40 percent match. The Committee voted unanimously in favor to recommend to full Council for approval.

Mr. Derrick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cullum to approve staff's request to move forward with the submittal of the grant application

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Cullum	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Solid Waste, D. Summers, Chairman - Tire Disposal Program - On behalf of Ms. Summers, Committee Vice Chairman Cullum, reported the Solid Waste Committee met on Tuesday, January 26,

2010, to review Lexington County's Tire Disposal Program. Following is the Committee Report:

Mr. Dave Eger, Solid Waste Management Director, presented a report on the County's Tire Disposal Program including the two Tire Amnesty Days. He reported 16,118 tires were delivered by County residents during the two tire amnesty events. The amnesty program's operating cost was \$28,404 with an additional loss in handling fees of \$24,177, bringing the total cost to \$52, 581 or \$3.26 per tire. Mr. Eger indicated the large majority of the tires brought in appeared to be stockpiled tires versus the illegally disposed tires which were the main objective of the program. Staff proposed an alternate program for consideration. The proposed program would accept four tires per household per year free of charge and track verification only at the Edmund Landfill. Tires beyond the four per household would be charged the normal fee of \$1.50 per tire. Mr. Eger anticipates the cost involved would be an estimated loss of revenue in the amount of \$6,000 (based on an estimated 4,000 tires disposed per year at \$1.40 per tire). The Committee discussed the State's tire disposal fees and abolishing the Tire Amnesty Program.

The Solid Waste Committee voted unanimously to recommend that full Council approve abolishing the Tire Amnesty Day program and disapproval of staff's recommendation for an alternative tire disposal program at the Edmund Landfill.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to abolish the County's Tire Amnesty Day program and not approve staff's recommendation for an alternative tire disposal program at the Edmund Landfill.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Banning

Committee of the Whole, J. Kinard, Chairman - Burton Center Request - Mr. Kinard reported the Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, to consider a request from the Burton Center. The Burton Center wants to apply for a Federal Transportation Administration grant for a van through the South Carolina Department of Mass Transit but needs the County's endorsement. Following is the Committee report:

Mr. Sam Martin, Burton Center's Director of Procurement, has requested a resolution for Council's approval. The Burton Center is applying for a Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) grant to the South Carolina Department of Mass Transit for assistance in the purchase of a 15-passenger bus to be used in transporting individuals with disabilities and special needs. The request also indicated the bus would be made available to other agencies when not in use by the Burton Center.

The Committee discussed a recommendation made by the Transit Summit to form a committee to review all of the different van services within Lexington County and possibly the Midlands area. It was recommended to approve the Burton Center resolution plus a request made for a comprehensive listing of all the federally funded vehicles in Lexington County for the Committee's review.

The Committee of the Whole voted to recommend that full Council approve the resolution for the Burton Center.

A motion as made by Mr. Kinard, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve the resolution for the Burton Center and request a comprehensive listing of their federally funded vehicles.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for discussion; no discussion occurred.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Derrick	Mr. Davis
	Mr. Jeffcoat	Mr. Carrigg
	Mr. Banning	Mr. Cullum

Proposed Equipment Cost for Reorganization of Precincts - Discussed during the afternoon Committee of the Whole committee meeting. The Committee made no recommendation to full Council.

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

10-101 - An appropriation transfer of \$96 and a supplemental appropriation decrease of \$1,747 as the result of a reduction in the EMS 2010 Grant-in-Aid grant award.

10-102 - A supplemental appropriation increase of \$5,155 as the result of an additional award from the FY08 Local Emergency Management Performance Grant (LEMPG).

10-103 - A supplemental appropriation decrease of \$1,876. This is the value of a 2002 Ford Crown Vic that the Sheriff's Department is donating to the Town of South Congaree.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing - Mr. Kinard reported during the Committee of the Whole, Council discussed one personal and two contractual matters but needed to go back into Executive Session to continue discussions on six legal matters.

Mr. Banning made a motion seconded by Mr. Davis to go into Executive Session.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Mr. Keisler	Mr. Jeffcoat
	Mr. Carrigg	Mr. Cullum

6:00 P.M. - Public Hearings - Prior to opening the public hearings, Mr. Kinard reviewed the guidelines for public hearings. He stated the purpose of the hearing is to obtain comments from proponents and opponents regarding specific subject matter. He asked that each speaker provide their name and mailing address and that comments be limited to three (3) minutes. Mr. Kinard asked that if there was anyone present who had signed up to speak but chose not to speak, but wanted to concur with what has been said, it was acceptable to indicate concurrence. Also, Mr. Kinard said there will be no disruptions including cheering, clapping, head counts, etc.

Ordinance 10-02 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Fee-in-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement by and Between Project Crown and Lexington County, SC With Respect to Certain Property Whereby the County Will Covenant to Accept Certain Fees-in-Lieu of

Ad Valorem Taxes With Respect to Such Property and Such Property Will be Added to the Joint Park with Calhoun County- Mr. Kinard opened the public hearing for Ordinance 10-02.

Mr. Kinard stated no one had signed up in favor or in opposition and closed the public hearing

Solid Waste Processing Facility Application SW09-05 - Platt Springs Scrap and Recycling - Mr. Kinard opened the public hearing for SW09-05.

Mr. Dave Eger, Director of Solid Waste Management, presented information on SW09-05. He stated that the applicant, Travis Batchler, requested an approval to locate a metal recycling facility on approximately 0.8 acres. The property is located at 5253 Platt Springs Road, Lexington. According to procedures, the application was advertised, adjacent property owners were notified by mail, and the property was posted. A site plan was submitted in July 2009 and based on not meeting property buffers and setbacks requirements as well as road right-of-way setbacks, the applicant requested a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals, which was approved.

The applicant plans to operate a metal recycling buyback facility. Metals to be brought in include items such as copper, brass, aluminum, aluminum cans, radiators, stainless, etc. and would not include any junk cars or large metal items. The materials will be stored in different containers and will be warehoused in the building. The only exception will be for a trailer that will be used for aluminum cans.

Mr. Keisler asked if the only entrance is off Platt Springs Road and what the "L-shaped" building (combination of Buildings B & C) will be used for.

Mr. Eger replied that he was not aware of the other building, but Mr. Batchler would be using the one shown as "C" that is 3,500 sq. ft.

Mr. Keisler said he was concerned with what the other buildings were going to be used for.

Mr. Bruce Hiller, Development Administrator, replied that the applicant will be leasing the 3,500 sq. ft. building (Building C) for his recycling operation. The property owner currently utilizes the 3,000 sq. ft. (Building B) and intends to continue to use it for his personal interest. He (owner) made the comment at the Board of Zoning Appeals variance hearing that if Mr. Batchler outgrew the 3,500 sq. ft. building, he could also use this and interpreted that to mean that he would be willing to also lease him that building. However, from a zoning standpoint, that has not been approved. The only thing that has been approved is the 3,500 sq. ft. building and the entrance. He may also use some storage area back here (pointing to the map). Total screening around the property would be put in place and that cannot be waived or varied per the Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Keisler asked what type of screening Mr. Batchler plans to install.

Mr. Hiller replied that Mr. Batchler has not submitted a particular type, but first would have to obtain approval from the Zoning Department. But, it could be anything from a slated solid wood fence, six feet high, to a chain link fence with vinyl slates in it, but it had to be 100 percent opaque.

Mr. Keisler asked if Mr. Batchler could use tin or something similar.

Mr. Hiller replied that the Zoning Department approves screening based on the area of the surrounding

community and has allowed, in some situations, the green mesh, double lapped. On occasion has approved tin to be used, but would not say they would or would not in this particular case but would take a closer look at it.

Mr. Jeffcoat asked what type of activity the owner is using Building A for.

Mr. Hiller replied that no business activity is being operated out of there. Matter of fact, SCDOT has marked the new right-of-way and the building will be demolished. Mr. Hiller said previously there was a permit for a vehicle repair. However, no commercial activity is taking place on the property currently.

Mr. Cullum asked if screening is going to be required facing Platt Springs Road.

Mr. Hiller replied, yes, sir. Until Building A is demolished, it is going to serve as screening.

Mr. Cullum said the ingress/egress is in a 45 degree angle and asked if that is unusual.

Mr. Hiller replied correct, but it opens up along Topaz Court also, which is a dirt County-maintained road. Mr. Hiller said what really needs to happen is that the applicant needs to get an encroachment permit from SCDOT for Platt Springs Road and possibly one from Public Works for Topaz Court. However, he noted that it may be possible that SCDOT or Public Works would not allow the 45 degree angle and require that it be straightened.

Mr. Cullum said it would make a difference on how you are going to gain access in and out, particularly if you are going to have storage bins.

Mr. Jeffcoat said there could be a real disaster if someone is taking a right off Platt Springs Road onto Topaz.

Mr. Kinard opened the meeting for those in favor.

In Favor:

Travis Batchler, 6977B Edmund Hwy., Pelion, SC 29123 - Everything that Mr. Eger has told you is pretty much everything that I would tell you except that the hours of operation is 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday and 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. As far as what you see on the map where the existing gate is, I didn't perceive it as a problem, but I understand where you are coming from now. So certainly we would have to put a gate at the front entrance of the road, which would make a lot more sense. That is where the existing gate is at the moment. I am going to make it nice looking. Everything is going to be screened in and I am not going to take any junk cars, nothing heavy, nothing like that.

Kenneth King, 5253 Platt Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29073 - I am the owner of the property. I have already gone over with Travis that, if we need to, we can put in extra gates where they could actually make a circle when they come in and unload and then could pass on around and come out the other side. The fence we are talking about, we haven't gotten it approved yet, but I think it is real nice. It is a solid fiberglass fence so you can't see through it. It is 6 ft. 2 in. tall and will be attached to the chain link fence that is already there, if they will approve it. What he has gone over with me is going to make a pretty nice business. I have been in the scrap business myself, and I know what they can tend to look like. But, by storing everything inside, that appealed to me instead of renting it to somebody that wanted to put in a garage where they have 20-30 junk cars that they pull parts off. I was trying to keep my property looking

better than what it is right now. And, the business he is going to do, the way he is going to operate it, is going to be nice.

Mr. Kinard stated no one else signed up to speak in favor and closed that portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Kinard opened the public hearing for those in opposition to SW09-05.

Opposed:

Fremont Huggins, 108 Huggins St., Lexington, SC 29073 - I live across the street from this facility.

The gentleman came to me some time ago and asked me how I would feel in the way of him opening up this business. At that time, I didn't have any reason to object so I told him that I would not oppose him opening up a business over there. But since then, I have talked with several neighbors and they pointed out some things to me that have caused me to change my decision, and I am now opposing that operation. All of the ones that talked with me are here and are going to speak. But, I did want to register the fact that I did oppose this endeavor. Thank you.

Shelby Jean Rose, 214 Maple Rd., Lexington, SC 29073 - I have property about a fourth of a mile from this property. I am very much opposed to it. There are buses out there that stop near the place and the children would be getting on and off the buses. Also, I went out to Boiling Springs because I had never seen a recycling place. I made pictures of the place. There was no grass, it was very bad. And, I just feel like this would be the wrong thing to do at this time with this property. Thank you.

Christine Taylor, 1668 Old Orangeburg Rd., Lexington, SC 29073 - I don't wish to speak.

Jo Ann Eaden Robinson, 148 Cross Rd., Lexington, SC 29073 - I'm strictly opposed to it, and I do have an interest in this property as well. I know there is an entrance on Huggins Street, and my property is at the end of Huggins and Cross Road, which is right behind that place. I have seen that property in how it has been kept up before and it is not kept up. It would just depreciate everybody's property around there. I own two lots behind my property. To me it is just something that would be an eyesore plus a danger as there is not enough property to make a circle driveway unless they come out on Huggins Street or go out onto the pads. There is not but .08 of an acre. To me, I think it would be a deterrent to the community. Thank you.

Virginia L. Kelly - 212 Skylight Dr., W. Columbia, SC 29170 - I concur.

Nick Tosto, 253 Winchester Ct., Columbia, SC 29170 - I have lived there for 12 years, and I enjoy being there. And, one of the reasons why I am enjoying it is because I see the whole Platt Springs area from the airport all the way to Highway 6. It seems that it is evolving, trying to clean up and, hopefully, with this expansion in the road, it will continue. Seeing a scrap dealership especially coming off Platt Springs Road, I think is detrimental to the traffic, especially if you are coming this way and you have to turn in there. Coming from Highway 6 going in is something different. I have looked at a scrap yard, and I can't see a 6 ft. 2 in. fence. Sometimes these bins are much higher than 6 ft. 2 in. I think you would see a lot of the scrap. And that is going to happen when you keep opening that door trying to get trucks in and out of that location. That area is always going to be exposed. That is the main reason why I am against it. I think it is definitely going to be detrimental to the property values, not only to Rolling Hills, but the whole area. We want it to grow and not to come down. Thank you.

Tom Newell, 221 Skylight Dr., West Columbia, SC 29170 - I am with the Rolling Hills subdivision and we wanted to go on record saying that our complete subdivision is against this venture. We are very concerned about the development of Platt Springs Road and its continuing development. The road is going to be widened. Two thousand and one is when they first started widening that road. If you have been up that way at the intersection of Platt Springs Road and Highway 6 lately, you will see the tremendous amount of businesses that are going in that area. You have Wal-Mart, Lowes and a lot of shops. The property value is going to escalate. We are very concerned about that. Putting a scrap metal building there is not going to help our situation at all. There is a recycling plant three and one-half miles away right now on Highway 6 and I-20 called Lexington Recycling. If you take a look at that, what you will see is an awful lot of junk. I don't see how a person can keep a recycling building or plant in a 3,000 sq. ft. building; that is almost impossible. I don't know what he is going to use for containers but they are going to have to be moved. The other thing is any time you recycle metal, they are dirty. They are going to bring in dirt; they are going to bring in contamination. There is a well right in back of that property that I saw and we are concerned about the ground water. You have wetlands down in the back; we are concerned about that. We, as a neighborhood, are totally against this venture. Thank you.

Michael Gearon, 136 Candlelight Dr., West Columbia, SC 29170 - Just to reiterate everything that the speaker just said before me is basically what I had. The one thing not mentioned is the traffic on Platt Springs Road, especially in the morning and afternoon. It is at a dangerous rate and I know that Lexington County is trying to move as quickly as possible to ease up the traffic problems in that area. And, with this recycling plant going in, these people bringing their items down Platt Springs or coming into the Huggins Street area with the recycles, we are going to have more backup, more trash on the side of the roads, more people complaining because their tires have been messed up with these people who drop their trash coming into the recycling facility. I work in an area in Lexington County. I have pictures taken two days ago of recycling areas in Lexington County and it is nothing but trash. It was spoken about the recycling facility three miles away at I-20. I rode by there coming here today and from the Two Notch Road side looking over toward Bojangles area, gentlemen, you need to ride by there and see the trash that is built up there with a cyclone fence down. There is no guard around that area to block the view and we are trying to promote this area with businesses like Wal-Mart, Lowes, etc. and we are going to put in a recycling area that is going to look something like this (copies of pictures given to the Clerk for the record)? I am strictly opposed to it.

Thomas Rawl, 5333 Platt Springs Rd., Lexington, SC 29073 - I pass.

Dean Collins, 128 Delane St., Lexington, SC 29073 - Delane Street is the street right next door to Huggins Street. Nobody seemed to mention this, but where Topaz Court comes in – that is a school bus stop. That is one thing that we all need to look at real carefully because that is going to increase traffic going in and out of that place. Being in that 45 degree angle with people trying to get in and out of there, we are going to be endangering our children. It has already been talked about the traffic. Like I said, I go up and down that road all the time. There is absolutely no way that a semi-truck can turn into Topaz Court without backing up onto Platt Springs Road. If that is going to be the case, then they are going to end up having to stop traffic for either the trucks to back up to go in or pull in and stop traffic for them to back out. Again, it has already been touched on that there are already two recycling centers in the area. When it rains they are nothing but mud holes and when it is dry, it is nothing but dust bowls. One of the things that people have not brought up is the simple fact that any time you have something like this, it is going to create more rodents and insects in the area. It definitely attracts them. Everybody knows if you leave a coke can around, exactly how many bugs are going to show up in no time. That is what it is going to be 100 times over. We got to concern ourselves with chemical spills. I personally have a well there. I

would say 80 percent of the people in that area get their water source from wells. So we definitely have to look at the chemical spills. I went around since 12 o'clock today talking to the people in the neighborhood, some of their names are on the list, but I have over 30 names of people in the area that are opposed to this (list given to the Clerk for the record) who were unable to attend. I, myself, am a strong believer of recycling, but I don't believe doing it in my own front yard and that is exactly where this is going to be. So, along with me and these 40 or 50 people here wanted to make it on record that they are opposed of this thing going in there. Thank you.

Amy and Gregg Martin, 214 Winchester Ct., West Columbia, SC 29170 - I concur.

Ed and Betty Seibert, 217 Winchester Ct, West Columbia, SC 29170 - We concur.

Terry Jackson, 211 Roland Drive, Lexington, SC 29073 - I own a business across from where they are going to put in the recycling facility. I am mainly concerned about the property values with some of the commercial property we have there. There are a lot of businesses through there now that are struggling, and we are hoping that as soon as they widen this highway things are going to pick up for everybody. I am opposed to it. There are buses that come through there between 2-4 p.m. in front of my store.

Shannon Lewis, 5331 Platt Springs Rd., Lexington, SC 29073 - I know kids wake up early before this facility opens but my concern would be their safety because they could climb on the fence and injure themselves. We are trying to better Platt Springs Road, no bring it down.

Eddie Taylor, 136 Huggins St., Lexington, SC 29073 - A lot of my concerns have already been addressed, but I have another concern - an entrance being put on Huggins Street. There is a way that they can do that and they could easily put another driveway on Huggins Street. Because the traffic on Platt Springs Road is so bad and it is going to be so hard to get in and out of there, especially coming out and you want to turn back to the left. It is going to be easier to turn back to the right and then you can go down to the next street from Topaz to Cross Road and then you could turn down Cross Road and go all the way down to Old Orangeburg Road and come out and turn right on Old Orangeburg Road and you are at the red light at Platt Springs Road – easy access. You have residential areas that will have people shipping things back and forth through an area which is going to end up with nothing but scrap metal all over the side of the roads in people's yards where children are playing. Plus there is a bus stop at Platt Springs Road and Topaz. There is also another bus stop at Huggins and Cross Road. My child also gets off that same bus. That is my main concern as to what is going to happen there when they are able to travel around and use another entrance other than what's on Platt Springs Road. They can easily use Huggins Street, between the building that is going to be torn down, which is Building A and Building B. And, there is enough room for them to be able to do that. Thank you.

Mr. Derrick asked staff to address the driveway that so many of the opponents have referred to.

Mr. Hiller said from a Zoning Ordinance standpoint, there are more restrictions as far as the number of driveways per road frontage and we only allow one driveway per road frontage. Of course, the classification of the road would also need to allow access to such an activity. In this case, all three would allow access to this activity.

Mr. Derrick for asked for clarification that a driveway could be off each of the three roads.

Mr. Hiller replied correct, from a zoning standpoint. Again, as stated earlier, in order to get a driveway off

a publically maintained road, one would need to get an encroachment permit from which ever agency maintains that particular road. In this case, Platt Springs would be SCDOT and Huggins and Topaz would be Lexington County Public Works. Mr. Hiller said for Zoning to require someone to put in a driveway off of Huggins Street, he has no jurisdiction to make that happen.

Mr. Cullum asked what reason(s) that the County would not provide them with an encroachment permit to come off either of the dirt roads.

Mr. Hiller replied it may be because of a site distance issue, coming into a blind area or an elevation grade change, but does not know SCDOT or Lexington County Public Works requirements. If Council chooses to approve this and it moves forward, it would be best for Mr. Batchler to approach SCDOT, especially with the right-of-way expansion of Platt Springs Road. It may be that SCDOT already has plans for a specific encroachment location coming off Platt Springs Road.

Julia Miller, 247 Cross Road, Lexington, SC 29073 - I am Donna Lorick, and I am speaking for my mother. She concurs.

Greg and Donna Lorick, 225 Skylight Dr., West Columbia, SC 29170 - I concur.

Russell Shumpert, 5253 Platt Springs Rd., Lexington, SC 29073 - I concur.

Rick Chavis, 154 Bluefield Rd., Lexington, SC 29073 - I concur with all the concerns that have been brought up.

A.L. and Louise Geddings, 232 Skylight Dr., Lexington, SC 29073 - We concur.

Selena Chavis, 248 Delane St., Lexington, SC 29073 - I concur.

Sharon Bailey, 144 Delane St., Lexington, SC 29073 - Mr. Carter said Ms. Bailey had to leave, but she concurs.

Joseph Carter, 144 Deland St., Lexington, SC 29073 - I concur.

Mr. Keisler reported for the record that he received five e-mails in opposition (copies were given to the Clerk for the record)

Mr. Kinard stated no one else had signed up in opposition and closed the public hearing.

Matters Requiring a Vote as a Result of Executive Session - Mr. Kinard reported as a result of Executive Session there were no motions to be considered.

Motion to Adjourn - Mr. Banning made a motion, seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn.

In Favor:	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Davis	Mr. Derrick
	Ms. Summers	Mr. Keisler
	Mr. Jeffcoat	

Not Present: Mr. Carrigg*

*Mr. Carrigg left prior to the public hearing due to illness.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
Chairman