COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2008

The Committee of the Whole Committee met on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 3:55 p.m. Mr. Derrick, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:
William C. Billy Derrick, Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.
Johnny W. Jeffcoat
William B. Banning, Sr.

Debra B. Debbie Summers, V Chairman
Bobby C. Keisler
John W. Carrigg, Jr.
M. Todd Cullum

Absent:
*George H. Smokey Davis

*Mr. Davis was absent due to a death in his immediate family.

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.

Building Use and Naming Policy - Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator – No action taken. Item to be brought back to January 22, 2008 Committee meeting.

Leadership Lexington County Request - Mr. J.J. Jones, 2007 Committee Chairman – Mr. Jones presented a request by the Leadership Lexington County Class of 2007. Each year, the graduating class is charged with sponsoring a class project to benefit the general citizenship of Lexington County. The Class of 2007’s project is to erect a 9/11 Memorial commemorating the tragic event of 9/11 and the extraordinary response to these events by the citizens and public servants of our country. The Class is asking Council’s permission to place the monument on a prominent location on County property. Mr. Jones presented various locations around the campus of the Lexington Judicial Center. The most visible spot was East Main Street between the Judicial Center and the United Methodist Church. There is no cost to the County.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Keisler to approve Leadership Lexington County Class of 2007’s request for the placement of the 911 Memorial at the East Main Street location, contingent upon approval of the United Methodist Church since the property is owned by them.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

**Old Business/New Business – Ordinance 08-03 - An Ordinance Amending the Lexington County Landscape Ordinance** – As an item of new business, Mr. Jeffcoat asked that the Committee consider changes to the Landscape Ordinance. He said an ordinance amending the Landscape Ordinance is needed in an effort to help golf courses such as Timberlake Golf Course from development. Mr. Jeffcoat said, Charlie Compton, Planning and GIS Director, has been working on an amended ordinance that included trophy trees, timber harvesting, open space, and storm drainage and asked the Committee to consider establishing a hundred foot wide buffer that would protect homeowners who purchase homes on golf courses. Staff was asked to contact municipalities that have golf courses to ask that they consider the proposed ordinance, if we are successful.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend that full Council approve first reading by title only of Ordinance 08-03 - An Ordinance Amending the Lexington County Landscape Ordinance.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

William C. Billy Derrick
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk