The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

James E. Kinard, Jr., Chairman  William B. Banning Sr., V Chairman  
William C. Derrick  George H. Davis  
Debra B. Summers  Bobby C. Keisler  
Johnny W. Jeffcoat  John W. Carrigg, Jr.  
M. Todd Cullum

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.

Bicycle City - Planning & GIS - Charlie Compton, Director - Mr. Compton introduced the developers, Joe Mellet and Newton “Cookie” Boykin, for “Bicycle City.” “Bicycle City” will be the first of its kind in not only Lexington County but in the United States. It will be a restrictive community with access to homes by bicycle or foot. Mr. Mellet and Mr. Boykin reported on various aspects and benefits of the new development. The community will be located at Pine Plain and Dixon Roads. The development has plans for 750 acres to be developed in phases. The concept for Bicycle City is a planned car-free community with eco-friendly designs that allow residents to live in a healthy and sustainable environment. A Power Point presentation was included with the presentation. For information only, no action taken.

Fundraising Activity Guidelines As Established by the Fire Service Leadership Team - Fire Service - William Shockley, Fire Service Leadership Team Facilitator and David Fulmer, Assistant Chief - Judge Shockley presented the proposed Fundraising Activity Guidelines. These were adopted by the Leadership Team on April 15, 2010 for immediate implementation. Judge Shockley highlighted three of the main areas the Leadership Team revised in the guidelines; 1) prohibit the use of professional fundraising firms, 2) each fire station to be individually responsible for the audit of all fundraising monies, and 3) any equipment purchased must be compatible with County standard equipment. The Committee asked whether fundraisers were also for families in need and not just for the benefit of the fire stations. Judge Shockley replied that it has always been their primary goal and stations usually keep certain items for families in need. Part-time and full-time employees cannot serve in leadership roles for the fundraising campaigns. Campaigns will be handled by unpaid volunteers only.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend that full Council approve the proposed Fundraising Activity Guidelines.

The vote in favor was unanimous.
Lexington County MS4 Audit Report - Public Works - John Fechtel, Director - Mr. Fechtel presented the Lexington County MS4 Audit Report, which received an overall “satisfactory” audit review by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). He reported that all seven municipalities also achieved a satisfactory. Mr. Fechtel said the Stormwater Management staff did an excellent job. For information only, no action taken.

Space Program for New Emergency Communications & Operations Center (ECC & EOC) - Karen Chinn - President, Chinn Planning Incorporated - Mr. Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator, introduced Ms. Karen Chinn. Ms. Chinn provided an overview of the space requirements for the new Emergency Communications and Operations Center including a Power Point presentation. She reported the total program comes to 15,791 gross square feet of space. Ms. Chinn also presented information on parking needs for the Center and recommends 32 parking spaces for staff and emergency related events. Mr. Mergo reported the County’s electronic data storage will be at the core of the facility and will include storage for all the County’s hardware/software programs. For information only, no action taken.

A Resolution Approving Certain Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan of the City of Cayce, South Carolina and Matters Relating Thereto - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Keisler to recommend to full Council to approve the resolution.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Cullum was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Possible Executive Session if Time Permits - Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Derrick to go into Executive Session to discuss one personnel, six legal, and three contractual matters.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Cullum was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Old Business/New Business - Local Contractors Procurement, Fire Service Volunteer Incentives - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee                   James E. Kinard, Jr.
Assistant to the Clerk          Chairman

Diana W. Burnett