



Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
October 12, 2010 - Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Council District #5
2. Vice Chairman Eugene Baten, Council District #7
3. Councilman Artie Baker, Council District #2
4. Councilman Larry Blanding, Council District #6
5. Councilman Jimmy Byrd, Council District #3
6. Councilman Charles T. Edens, Council District #4
7. Councilwoman Naomi D. Sanders, Council District #1

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to Council
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney
Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator
Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst
The Honorable L. McCants, Auditor
Donna McCullum, Planning Administrator

William T. Noonan, County Administrator
Lorraine Dennis, HR/Deputy Administrator
Pamela Graven, Finance Director
The Honorable C. Richardson, Treasurer
Mr. Bobby Hings, EMS Director

MEDIA PRESENT:

The Item Newspaper

THE PUBLIC PRESENT:

Approximately 28 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman of Council, Vivian Fleming McGhaney, called Sumter County Council's meeting of October 12, 2010, to order.

INVOCATION: Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION: Chairman McGhaney recognized the Boy Scouts from Troop #86 and their Headmaster Mr. Steece Hermanson. The youngsters are working on their merit badges. They will learn responsible citizenship which means (1) obeying the laws; (2) voting every time; (3) serving on jury duty, and (4) giving something back to the community, and of course, paying one's TAXES ON TIME. Four boys were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the October 12, 2010, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed.

ACTION ON AGENDA: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, and seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the agenda as printed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of Sumter County Council which was held on September 28, 2010.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2010, as presented.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS

Development/Rezoning Request -

- (1) **OA-10-03 -- Planning Staff / Pest Control (County) - First Reading - (10-720) -- Request To Amend Section 3.K.2., Permitted Uses In The Light Industrial-Warehouse (LI-W) Zoning District, Section 3.L.2., Permitted Uses In The Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District, And Exhibit 5 Of The County Zoning And Development Standards Ordinance To Permit Selected Business Services Listed Under Major Group 73 In The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code Manual.**

Ms. Donna McCullum presented this proposed Ordinance amendment to Council for review. She stated that this is a proposed ordinance amendment by the Planning Staff. This ordinance amendment request came out of a Business License request taken in by staff in April 2010. The request was to permit a Pest Control Service in the HI (Heavy Industrial) District in the County. Ms. McCullum stated that upon review of both the City and County zoning ordinances it was determined that pest control services and exterminators were not permitted within the HI district and are considered a conditional use in the LI-W (Light Industrial Warehouse) zoning district. Currently, all legally licensed pest control/exterminator businesses that are not licensed as home occupations are located within the HI district and are grandfathered non-conforming.

She further stated that the purpose of the LI-W district is to accommodate wholesaling, distribution, storage, processing, and light manufacturing in an environment suited to such uses and operations while the intent of the Heavy Industrial district is to concentrate heavy industrial uses in areas where they will flourish without adversely affecting adjacent less intensive uses. Traditionally, industrial uses have been associated with the use of chemicals, machinery, and heavy equipment.

Also, Mrs. McCullum stated that exterminator/pest control businesses fall within the SIC code designation of *Major Group 73 - Business Services*. In general most uses classified in this Major Group are more suitable for sitting within a commercial as opposed to industrial districts, for that reason, the placement of business service uses that are more commercial in nature and associated with significant on-site customer activity are not outright permitted within the districts, however; upon more detailed review of Major Group 73, at least three of the subgroups are similar to and in keeping with other uses

traditionally thought to be industrial in nature. More specifically the following uses should be considered as permitted uses in the LI-W and HI District:

7342 Disinfecting and Pest Control Services

Establishments primarily engaged in disinfecting dwellings and other buildings, and in termite, insect, rodent, and other pest control, generally in dwellings or other buildings. Including the following:

- Bird proofing
- Deodorant servicing of rest rooms
- Disinfecting service
- Exterminating service
- Fumigating service
- Pest control in structures
- Rest room cleaning service
- Termite control
- Washroom sanitation service

7353 Heavy Construction Equipment Rental and Leasing

Establishments primarily engaged in renting or leasing (except finance leasing) heavy construction equipment, with or without operators. Including the following:

- Bulldozer rental and leasing
- Construction equipment, heavy, rental and leasing
- Crane rental and leasing
- Earth moving equipment rental and leasing

7359 Equipment Rental and Leasing, Not Elsewhere Classified

Establishments primarily engaged in renting or leasing (except finance leasing) equipment, not elsewhere classified. Including the following:

- Airplane rental and leasing
- Appliance rental and leasing
- Coin-operated machine rental and leasing
- Electronic equipment rental and leasing, except medical and computer
- Industrial truck rental and leasing
- Oil field equipment rental and leasing
- Oil well drilling equipment rental and leasing
- Toilets, portable, rental and leasing
- Tool rental and leasing
- Vending machines, rental only

Planning Staff recommends approval of these revisions. This text amendment addresses a current limitation within the zoning ordinance wherein it does not include certain uses that are compatible with the purpose and other allowed uses in the LI-W and HI Districts. The Planning Commission also recommended approval. After review of the ordinance, Council took action on first reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to OA-10-03

- (2) OA-10-07 - Planning Commission/Nonconforming Situations (County) - First Reading- (10-721) -- Request To Amend Relevant Sections Of Article 6 Of The County Of Sumter Zoning And Development Standards Ordinance, Nonconforming Uses, To Specifically Address Nonconforming Site Development Standards, Discontinuance Provisions, And Retrofitting Requirements.

Ms. McCullum also presented this proposed ordinance amendment to Council. She stated that the issue of nonconforming site standards has been perhaps the most challenging issue for the Planning Commission, Planning Staff, and the Board of Zoning Appeals over the last few years. Planning Commission considers this a primary zoning action item in need of a different approach. The crux of the issue can be described this way:

Policy

First and foremost both the City and County expressly declare that nonconforming situations are incompatible with new development. As such, the zoning ordinance is written to remove, replace, or improve these nonconformities.

From a policy perspective, this issue of nonconforming uses and sites was recognized in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan:

The City and County will examine opportunities to encourage, incentivize or requirement improvements to non-conforming structures, sites, and parking lots (page LU 14).

The City and County continue support for design improvements along Sumter's major corridors. The City and County will consider changes to the Highway Corridor design review district in an effort to strengthen implementation tools and ensure quality design related to architecture, signage, and landscaping (Page LU 15).

Zoning

The zoning ordinance requires that when a business or property is vacant for a period of six (6) months, the next occupant or business must meet all of the current site developed standards. Plainly, development standards are landscaping, irrigation, parking, buffering, curb and gutter, paving etc... In Sumter, our commercial corridors are filled with lots that were developed during a different era, without landscaping, trees, paving, buffer yards, or irrigation. So, when a new business wants to occupy a property vacant or absent of activity for more than 6 months, in many cases significant site upgrades are required. These improvements – paving the site, irrigation, landscaping – come at some cost and can influence the viability of the project. Some in the development community cite the costs of upgrading the site as a reason for such pervasive vacancies in our corridors. This may or may not be the case. However, evidence suggests that a 100% upgrade of a non-conforming site is burdensome.

Today, the only solution to this “burden” is to apply to the Board of Appeals for a variance from the strict application of the ordinance. This is often problematic as the

variance process criteria do not permit project costs or financial burdens as a valid reason for relief. Notwithstanding, since January 2008, Staff has processed 25 separate Board of Appeals applications for relief from these site requirements.

Approach

The facts suggest a new approach to the issue is in order. The economic conditions of the time, the priority to remove unnecessary barriers for new business, the burden on staff and property owners (time mostly) and the outcome of the BZA requests (virtually all of them were approved in some form), require an alternative approach.

Staff recommends, in the attached draft revisions to Article Six, a more reasonable and proportionate approach to non-conforming situations. The approach focuses on two areas: time and proportion.

First, staff recommends an expanded time frame for onsite activity. Six months is too brief a window. Staff recommends a longer period for a site to remain vacant without triggering the need for site improvements. We suggest 12 to 18 months.

Second, staff recommends a sliding scale approach to determining the level of improvements necessary - directly tied to the degree of investment and based on the fair market value of the structure. Basically this amounts to: small investment/improvements to the structure = minimal site upgrades; large investment/improvements to structure = full upgrades to site. In fact, this approach would require no site improvements for small projects -- projects investing less than 25% of fair market value in the structure. For mid-range projects, the new ordinance would require a proportionate percentage of site improvements. For instance a project that equals 50% of fair market value would have to put in 50% of the required site improvements - 50% of the required landscaping etc...This process would rely on staff and the applicant to work together to come up with the reasonable site solution in a negotiated setting.

The benefits to this new approach are quantifiable. Site improvements would be based on fair and equal standards. A sliding scale would deal with projects in a reasonable and proportionate manner. Applicants would save time and money by not having to proceed to the Board of Appeals.

Ms. McCullum informed Council that the proposed changes have not been reviewed by the City or County Attorney.

The Sumter City - County Planning Commission, at its meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2010, voted to recommend approval for the above referenced request with the following conditions:

1. Provide the option for a private fair market value assessment; and
2. Include the provision to appeal the Zoning Administrator's decision through the Zoning Board of Appeals.

After comments, Council members discussed this matter further. Councilman Baker stated that he is in support of this ordinance and would like to lessen some of the restrictions on business owners more than the ordinance has outlined.

Councilman Byrd stated that he would like to see Council approve 60 months on the Continuation of Nonconforming Development Standards instead of eighteen months as outlined in 6.e.2. He also stated that he would like to see the twenty-four months on mobile homes and continuation for 36 months. He further stated that this could be done retroactive.

Councilman Edens stated that if the County changes dates and months now; it would not help the existing businesses that have been vacant beyond the proposed time.

Several Council members had concerns about the County's ordinance mirroring the City Ordinance. After all comments, Council took action on first reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading as presented.

NOTE: Council members agreed to hold a workshop on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in County Council's Chambers to further discuss this proposed ordinance in order to prepare for changes prior to the Public Hearing which is scheduled for October 26, 2010.

Street Name Change - None

Grant Awards -

(1) Update On Grant Applications And Grant Awards.

Information is attached. Mrs. Yonson was unable to attend the meeting. However, the information was provided to each Council member.

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS:

(1) **10-719 -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, In One Or More Series, With Appropriate Series Designations, Of Sumter County, South Carolina, In The Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed \$9,448,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator To Prescribe Certain Details Relating To The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. (Council May Take Action On Third Reading Immediately After The Public Hearing Or During Old Business.)**

The County Attorney presented this ordinance to Council prior to the public hearing. Then the Chairman convened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. The following person spoke to Council:

- Mrs. Shirley O'Quinn spoke to Council about illegal Mexican's working on Penny for Progress projects. She asked Council to look into this matter and try to stop this habit so that those persons who are unemployed in Sumter and are legal residents of Sumter can get some of the Penny For Progress jobs and not illegal Mexicans.

Chairman McGhaney thanked Mrs. O'Quinn for her concerns, but she informed her that this public hearing has nothing to do with the Penney For Progress; however, Mrs. O'Quinn could speak during public comment about her concerns.

There were no other comments from the public concerning this ordinance; therefore the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on this ordinance during third reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Or Discuss A Contractual Matter And Appropriate Actions May Be Required And Taken Thereafter.

No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Third Reading -- 10-719 -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, In One Or More Series, With Appropriate Series Designations, Of Sumter County, South Carolina, In The Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed \$9,448,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator To Prescribe Certain Details Relating To The Bonds; Providing For The Payment Of The Bonds And The Disposition Of The Proceeds Thereof; And Other Matters Relating Thereto.

The County Attorney presented this ordinance to Council prior to the public hearing. He stated that there needed to be a change in the ordinance as printed prior to Council holding the public hearing.

The following change was made to Section 1(h):

- (h) It is necessary and in the best interest of the County for the County Council to provide for the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds in an amount of not to exceed \$9,448,000, the proceeds of which will be used for: (i) qualified capital projects including but not limited to **economic development projects**; construction and equipping of a Law Enforcement/ Emergency Management Center, acquisition of land for Bethel Fire Station, C&D Landfill Cell (15 acres), Salters Town Baseball Facility, Mayesville Ball Park Lights, South Sumter Resource Center Roof Replacement, acquisition of Ambulances, Environmental Area- Including Pavilions/Playground Equip./Trail System, Rembert Fire Station Renovations, stormwater equipment; and airport hangars (ii) paying costs of issuance of the Bonds (hereinafter defined); and (iii) such other lawful purposes as the Council shall determine.

After citing the proposed changes, the Chairwoman called for a motion on these changes.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the amendment to the ordinance as cited by the County Attorney.

Then the Chairman invited Ms. Frannie Heizer to speak on behalf of this ordinance. Ms. Heizer stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to authorize, but not to exceed, \$9,448,000 of general obligation bonds of the County. There is a variety of capital projects listed within the ordinance in Section 1(h).

In adopting this ordinance, the County is taking advantage of one of the last remaining programs of the original Stimulus Act (ARRA). In 2009, a bonding program called the Recovery Zone Bonds was authorized and Sumter County received an allocation of over \$10,000,000; however, the County shared some of the allocation with Central Carolina Technical College.

She stated that the significance of issuing these bonds as Recovery Zone Bonds is that the bonds will be issued as taxable bonds and will initially have a higher interest rate, but under the Recovery Zone Bond program, the County will receive a 45% subsidy of each interest payment that it will make. In the course of paying this type of debt, there are generally two interest payments per year which means the Federal Government will send Sumter County the amount equal to 45% of the interest of the payment.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Heizer for her comments. Chairman McGhaney called attention to one typographical error in section (h) in that Dabbs Fire Station was left out of the ordinance, but was approved for inclusion during second reading. Ms. Heizer informed Council that her office will make that change prior to executing the documents.

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Then the Chairman convened the public hearing to the amended and corrected ordinance. After the public hearing was closed, the Chairwoman stated that she would entertain a motion concerning third reading. Prior to receiving the motion, Councilman Baker stated that he said at the last meeting that he had some ill feelings about the Stormwater Ordinance and wished that Council had challenged the State concerning the

Stormwater. He further stated that as he looks at these bond projects, he is in support of about 98% of the projects; yet, a few he is not in support of at this time. However, he will support this ordinance. After all comments, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading approval and adoption.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Personnel Technology Committee Meeting Held on **Tuesday, October 12, at 4:00 P.M.** In County Council's Conference Room at the County Administration Building - (Baten, Byrd, and McGhaney).

The Chairman of the Committee, Vice Chairman Baten, gave the following report.

1. Remove Hiring Freeze To Fill Positions In The Following Departments
 - Family Court (2)
 - Information Technology (1)

The Committee received information from the County Administrator and the Deputy County Administrator/HR Director concerning the request from the Clerk of Court and the Information Technology Director. The Committee recommended approval of the requests.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee to remove the hiring freeze to fill these three positions (two for Family Court, and one for Information Technology).

Point of Clarification: Councilman Byrd asked the County Administrator if the hiring freeze that Council enacted three years ago does not affect the Correctional Center, Sheriff's Department, or EMS. However, it does affect all other jobs; thereby, any other people hired in the County must come for approval before Council. The Administrator said that Councilman Byrd was correct in his explanation.

The Chairman stated that she has reservation about the statement made by the Administrator to Councilman Byrd about the hiring freeze. She stated that she was of the opinion that Council needed to lift the hiring freeze completely because the County has capable individuals to make the right decision on when someone needs to be hired. For staff to have to come to Council every time someone needs to be hired only complicates matters.

Also, Chairman McGhaney stated that Council needs to be aware of the decision that they make effects other elected officials.

Councilman Edens stated that Council members discussed during the budget cycle the concerns with the upcoming budget for 2011. He said that with that in mind, with filling these positions, the County needs to keep in mind that there may be less funds next year.

Councilman Baker stated that these positions were already in the budget; however, it was noted by Councilman Edens, that some of these funds may be needed to balance the budget next year.

The Chairman further stated that at one point, the Clerk of Court transferred from his account to Sumter County's General Fund \$450,000 to help the County during budgetary shortfalls.

Lastly, Councilman Blanding stated that he believes Council needs to deal with other elected officials differently than other appointed officials within the County. He said that he does not want to give up the authority of having the final approval of some of the hiring freezes, or other matters as it relates to funding. Sumter County Council is ultimately responsible for the funds.

ACTION RESTATED: MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to remove the hiring freeze to fill these three positions (two for Family Court, and one for Information Technology).

- (2) Public Safety Committee Meeting Held on **Tuesday, October 12, at 4:30 P.M.** In County Council's Conference Room at the County Administration Building - (Baker, Baten, and Byrd).

The Chairman of the Committee, Councilman Baker, gave the following report.

1. Update -- Sumter Lee Detention Center. Received as information.
The Detention Center Director, Simon Major, and the Assistant Director, Daryl McGhaney, were present for the meeting. Mr. Major informed Council that when the new facility opened in September 22, 2002, there were 86 employees and 391 inmates. As of 2010, there are 86 employees at the Detention Center with a turn-over rate of 20% or 139 employees and there are 560 inmates in the Detention Center which is a 60% increase. The projection of inmates in the Detention Center in year 2030 would be up to 900 inmates.

The Committee also discussed ways to help alleviate the overcrowding and to help keep the population down.

No action taken; received as information.

2. **Executive Session:** It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Receive A Legal Briefing, Personnel Matter, or Contractual Matter.

No executive session.

- (3) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 5:00 P.M.** In County Council's Conference Room at the County Administration Building - (McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens).

1. Executive Session.

- a) A Possible Legal Briefing. The Committee received a report from the Attorney, the County Administrator, and Councilman Edens concerning property/building pertaining to an Economic Development Matter. During open session, the Committee recommended that the County Administrator be authorized to develop a proposed contract concerning this matter.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to authorize the Administrator to develop a contract concerning an economic development matter.

- b) RZED Bonds: Possible Discussions On Matters Relating To The Proposed Location Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Within The County.

Action on the RZED bond was taken during Old Business, listed under Ordinance Number 10-719.

2. Discussion On Sumter County Tax Notices As Requested by Sumter County Auditor (The Honorable Laureatha McCants): *The District 17 tax bills were mailed in error. This matter will be corrected by reissuing the tax bills. Anyone that has paid their tax bill will be refunded the entire amount and then reissued a new bill.*

- **Stormwater Fees** - No action taken.
- **Road User Fees** - No action taken.

3. Authorization To Spend Funds From The Infrastructure Account.

The Committee discussed the use of funds from the Infrastructure Account and recommended approval of these funds to come from the County's Infrastructure Account.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to authorize the use of \$5,000 from the Infrastructure Account in reference to earnest money for the purchase of property relating to economic development.

ACTION: MOTION and second were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to authorize the Administrator to use \$36,250 from the Infrastructure Fund for the remaining payment to Alliance Consulting Engineers for certification of the Airport Industrial Park. Palmetto Economic Development and the S. C. Department of Commerce will reimburse Sumter County for this expense. Once the funds are reimbursed, the funds will be deposited in the County's Infrastructure Account.

4. Update On Capital Penny Sales Tax Receipts And Expenditures. Received as information.

5. Additional Items: None

(4) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences.

- Sumter Community Vision Meeting: Councilman Blanding reported that he, along with Vice Chairman Baten, and several staff members attend the Crime Summit sponsored by the Sumter community Vision. One of the focus matters during the Summit was the projects for the Capital Projects Sales Tax. The Clerk to Council provided a report for those in attendance. Copies were handed out to everyone which seemed to satisfy the interest of this group. (Note: the Clerk informed Council that the information she provided was derived from the minutes (prepared by Denise McLeod) and reports that were developed by the lead persons for each of the Penney for Progress Projects.).
- Chairman McGhaney attended the Red Hat Society Day and was presented with a Red Hat on that Day. During this meeting the Clerk to Council presented the Chairman with a Certificate from Mrs. Annett Briggs, Queen Mother of the Sumter County Red Hat Society, which dubbed the Chairman as an honorary member of the Sumter Divas.
- Special Meeting of Sumter County Council will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss a land use matter -- **OA-10-07 - Planning Commission/Nonconforming Situations (County) - First Reading- (10-721) -- Request To Amend Relevant Sections Of Article 6 Of The County Of Sumter Zoning And Development Standards Ordinance, Nonconforming Uses, To Specifically Address Nonconforming Site Development Standards, Discontinuance Provisions, And Retrofitting Requirements.**

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Sumter Community Vision - Dr. Marion H. Newton
- Masquerade Party
- Community Based Participatory Research - A Shared Research Approach
- Sumter County Active Lifestyles
- Flu Shots Are Scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2010
- Special Public Safety Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2010, to discuss the proposed Burn Ordinance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairwoman asked if anyone from the public would like to address members of Sumter County Council. The following persons spoke to Council:

- Mrs. Ann August, Chief Executive Officer, for Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority (SWRTA), introduced Kaleek Davis, a consultant for the Federal Transit

Authority and he performs audits of transit agencies and State Department of Transportation operations. He is currently auditing SWRTA.

- Mr. Ferdinand Burns, President of the NAACP, was interested in the types of projects that are listed in the RZED Bond. A copy of the ordinance was given to Mr. Burns.
- Mr. Luther Lee asked how can Sumter County accept one side of a road and not accept the other side of the road. He has asked this question for about four or five times and he does not have an answer.

Mr. Lee also thanked Council for allowing additional staff to be hired in the Family Court area.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. after a motion by Councilman Byrd, a second by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Fleming McGhaney _____
Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council
Sumter County Council

Approved: October 26, 2010



I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows:

Public Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas posted on bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.

Date Posted: October 7, 2010

Media Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas were sent to most radio stations, television stations, and newspapers in the Sumter, Columbia, Manning, and Florence communities. Also, E-Mail notification was sent to Sumter County's Home Page, WIBZ, The Item, The Chamber, and Time Warner Cable.

Date Notified: October 7, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding

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