

Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2007 - Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vivian Fleming-McGhaney, Chairwoman; Eugene Baten, Vice Chairman; Artie Baker, Larry Blanding, Jimmy Byrd, Charles T. Edens, and Roland Robinson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Mrs. Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To County Council; Mrs. Lorraine W. Dennis; Deputy Administrator; Mr. Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator; Mrs. Pamela Craven; Finance Director; Mrs. Angie Graham, Budget Analyst ; Mr. Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney; and the Honorable Verna Moore , County Coroner.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 23 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of June 12, 2007, to order.

INVOCATION: Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the June 12, 2007, agenda with any additions or deletions. The Clerk asked Council to consider the following amendments to the agenda.

1. Other Public Hearings – 07-642 change the figure of \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000
2. Old Business – 07-642 change the figure of \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000
3. New Business items 3 and 4 First Reading for ordinances 07-646 and 07-647 -- remove from this agenda.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the June 12, 2007, agenda as amended.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2007: Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of County Council's meetings of May 22, 2007, as presented.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the minutes of May 22, 2007, as presented by the Clerk.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS - NONE

Planned Development/Rezoning Request –

- (1) **RZ-06-14 – Elaine Fuller – Third Reading/Public Hearing – A Request To Rezone +/- 29.94 Acres From Agricultural Conservation To Residential-15 (R-15) Located At N. Kings Highway And Meeting House Road. Tax Map # 093-00-01-024; 093-00-01-025; 093-00-01-027; 093-00-01-028; 093-00-01-030; 093-00-01-031; and 093-03-00-01-032. (Council will take action on third reading immediately after the public hearing on this rezoning request – please note, this is the second public hearing on this request.)**

Mr. George McGregor, Planning Director, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading consideration and a second public hearing. This second public hearing was held because of an error that was in the original public hearing.

Mr. McGregor stated that the applicant proposes to rezone approximately 29.94 acres of land to Residential-15 (R-15) zoning in order to have the ability to build up to a maximum number of 86 residential lots. There maybe a lesser number of lots since DHEC requires a minimum of 22,000 square feet per lot for septic tanks. Currently, under the Agricultural Conservation (AC) zoning designation the property owner is limited to 1 acre lot sizes. It is their wish to create a single-family and townhouse residential development utilizing approximately ½ acre lots that comply with DHEC's standards for septic systems. Under R-15 zoning single-family detached dwellings are a permitted use; townhouses are a conditional use subject to Staff Level review.

The property is located to the east of the Military Protection District (MPD) and in close proximity to Shaw AFB, making this location appropriate for new residential development. This request was deferred at the January 24, 2007, by Planning Commission to discuss the possibility of rezoning the property to R-15 rather than R-9. The Planning Staff has been in contact with the applicant via email and the applicant agrees with the suggestion of R-15 zoning for this development.

After comments from Mr. McGregor, the Chairwoman convened a public hearing. She asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to the proposed rezoning. The following persons spoke to this issue.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Ø Thomas McCloghry – stated that he and his neighbor know that Mrs. Fuller has the right to do with her property as she sees fit. However, the neighbors would like to see the proposed development to be in accordance with the neighboring community. Most of the homes are on one-acre lots. The infrastructure in the community will be taxed and the rural ambiance will be destroyed if more than one house is on one-acre, and only one family in the house. He ended his comments by stating that the community does not want town homes, nor do they want two homes per acre.

Mr. McCloghry spoke for the second time, he stated that it appears that this rezoning is going to get changed and that the community members can give the Planning Commission input, but he does not feel that the applicant or the Planning Commission is going to support the community. He said that if a matured tree is cut down and a

new tree is planted, it will take years for the landscaped to reach a flourished matured tree landscaped scene. He asked Council not to support this rezoning, just leave it alone. Mr. McCloghry stated that he objects to this rezoning.

- Ø Kathy Knox – Ms. Knox stated that this area is located in Councilman Robinson’s district which is called Historic Hills. This area is quiet and peaceful. She stated that if the trees are taken down in the area of Meeting House Road, it will change the entire face of the community. Ms. Knox also said that she believes the change to the community will cause a decrease in her property. She asked that some trees should remain to be used as a buffer. Drainage issues may also occur if the trees are taken down since the community consists of rolling hills.

Ms. Knox also asked whether or not County Council, as a part of the approval of the rezoning, require the applicant to keep a buffer of tree or require that the applicant not cut certain trees. (Since this is not a Planned Development, it does not allow Council to make any demands on the applicant.)

- Ø Tommy Dubose stated that he has been a resident of the Historic Hills neighborhood for six years. The growth of trees that Ms. Knox spoke about is across the street from his home and because he is at a higher elevation than the property across the street, he can view trees for miles. If the trees are removed, he will be able to see Union Camp and the Wateree Power Generating Station from Meeting House Road. His hope is that Council would direct the Zoning Commission to create a buffer zone between the two neighborhoods. He also asked Council to consider the water run-off on the road which will cause more problems if the trees are not saved on the proposed rezoning property. He also asked Council to consider a “green” policy. If trees are removed, then new trees should be planted to replace the trees that were removed. Lastly he stated that Council needs to review the fire protection out in that area. Currently, Shaw AFB responds to calls for fire protection and not the City or County.

- Ø Christie Spratt stated that her property backs up to the proposed development. She said that if the trees are removed, then she would only see houses. She added that if the trees are removed, her children would not have anywhere to play. She and her husband bought the property so that her children would have a nice safe environment to play.

Mr. McGregor informed Council and the community that this rezoning does not have a Planned Development attached to it.

- Ø Kathy Brown asked what it means to have something rezoned R-15. The Chairman asked Mr. McGregor to answer Mrs. Brown’s questions. Mr. McGregor stated that if this property is approved for rezoning to R-15, it means that “single family dwellings” would be allowed. Single family houses, modular homes, and Townhouses, attached units are permissible. Mr. McGregor also stated that in the current zoning of Agricultural Conservation, manufactured homes, mobile homes, single family houses, and several other agricultural uses are permitted.

Mr. McGregor reminded everyone that any rezoning that would allow townhouses within the subdivision would have to go to the Planning Commission for its approval. He also stated that there will not be a public hearing when the Planning Commission reviews the subdivision information; however, all documents pertaining to the submission of a subdivision request is public information; therefore, the public is welcome to receive a copy of the material through the guidelines of the Planning Commission. Those citizens present at this meeting asked to be informed when Mrs. Fuller applies for the subdivision permit/application.

- Ø Tony Pearson stated that his concern is how will this subdivision affect his property value and the infrastructure is not made for the additional traffic. He also stated that the public safety needs such as EMS, fire protection, and Sheriff's patrol will be increased.
- Ø Robert Brown stated that he lives in this area. He said that Meeting House Road has a blind curve on it and there have been accidents on the road; plus there are a number of problems on the road. He asked whether or not this development is going to feed into Meeting House Road. If the development tries to use this road, the increased traffic will cause other traffic problems because of the winding narrow road.

After all comments, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council discussed this matter further.

Councilman Edens stated that he has several concerns; (1) was there ever a consideration for a Planned Development. Mr. McGregor stated that to his knowledge, there was no discussion for a Planned Development. Councilman Edens stated that he understands the community's concern about the Townhouses. Mr. McGregor stated that everyone must remember that there is no City water or sewer in this location; therefore, because of the density that the applicant is requesting, it would be impossible to place Townhouses on ½ acre lots based on DHEC perk requirements for sewer.

Councilman Byrd asked Mr. McGregor whether or not the current zoning of the property would allow for 30 mobile homes. Mr. McGregor stated that if 30 septic-sections could be determined on the property, then 30 mobile homes could be placed on the property in its current zoning status; he also stated that because of the current zoning, the property could be clear cut without any questions asked.

Councilman Robinson stated that he believes the landowner will listen to the concerns of the existing residents of this area.

Vice Chairman Baten asked where did the decision come from for ½ acre lots. Mr. McGregor stated that the applicant has not decided what size lots she wants; however, the information provided to Council indicated a minimum of ½ acre lots based on what is the least that DHEC would allow for septic use on property. Vice Chairman Baten further stated that it is not reasonable for people to say that this area will remain untouched if it is going to be developed. Trees will come out; the applicant must agree to work with her neighbors to buffer her development from the existing homes.

Chairwoman McGhaney stated that what she has heard from the public hearing is that they are not against the development. The main thing they would like to see a tree buffer between their property and the new development. It was also noted by Chairwoman McGhaney that the action that Council will take on third reading, will not guarantee a buffer; however, Council does suggest to the Planning Director to inform the applicant to work with the current residents to see if a tree buffer can be incorporated into the subdivision. Also, Chairwoman McGhaney asked Mr. McGregor to make sure that the increase in traffic will be taken into consideration and rain run-off on the roads as this subdivision process continues.

After all comments, Council took action on third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading approval and that the development includes a tree buffer for this subdivision development and the neighboring homes.

Street Name Change – None

Grant Awards – None

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS –

- (1) 07-642 -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation, Of Sumter County, South Carolina, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$4,500,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator Or His Lawfully Authorized Designee To Determine Certain Matters 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 decide to take action on third reading immediately after the public hearing or during Old Business. This is the second public hearing on this matter.)

The Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this matter and asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading with the principal amount of not exceeding \$5,000,000 listed within the ordinance under Old Business.

- (2) 07-643 -- An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of Ordinances Of Sumter County, South Carolina, By Providing For The Assessment Of Aircraft Subject To Property Tax In Sumter County, South Carolina; To Establish The Assessment Ratio Of The Fair Market Value Of Such Aircraft; To Provide For A Public Hearing; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto. (Council may decide to take action on third reading immediately after the public hearing or during Old Business.)

The Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this matter and asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue;

therefore, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading listed under Old Business.

- (3) 07-644 -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of 13.34 Acres Of Property Located In The Live Oak Industrial Park, Highway 15 South, Sumter, SC. (Council may decide to take action on third reading immediately after the public hearing or during Old Business.

The Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this matter and asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council took action on third reading listed under Old Business.

- (4) 07-640 -- An Ordinance To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes For County Purposes Of Sumter County, S. C., (Known As The Budget Ordinance) For The Fiscal Year Of Said County Beginning July 1, 2007, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto. (Council may decide to take action on second reading immediately after the public hearing or during Old Business.

The Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this matter and asked if anyone wished to speak in support of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading listed under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS –

- (1) A Proclamation Proclaiming Saturday, June 30, 2007, as Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Day In Sumter County, South Carolina.

The Clerk to Council presented this proposed proclamation to Council members. She also stated that Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. asked for Council to provide a gift to the speaker for this event. After review of the proclamation, Council took action on the proclamation.

WHEREAS, The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was organized in Washington, D. C. on January 9, 1914, by Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown to exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service; and

WHEREAS, On March 15, 1946, Delta Kappa Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was organized in Sumter, South Carolina and has continued to thrive with an undergraduate chapter at Morris College of Sumter, SC; and

WHEREAS, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., from its inception along with its undergraduate chapters and alumni chapters, have continued to be an organization which delivers services which depicts its motto "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity," and

WHEREAS, Because of its desire to provide services, the Delta Kappa Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. will sponsor its first Annual Men's

Empowerment Weekend on Friday, June 29, 2007, and Saturday, June 30, 2007, at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church Complex, in Sumter, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, This first Annual Men's Empowerment Weekend has been entitled – **Becoming The Man You Were Created To Be** – and the weekend will consist of workshops empowering attendees about spiritual well-being, financial security, family involvement, healthy lifestyles, and commitments and responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Vivian Fleming McGhaney*, on behalf of Members of Sumter County Council do hereby proclaim

Saturday, June 30, 2007

As

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Day

in the *County of Sumter, State of South Carolina* and Council members and I urge all citizens to applaud the members of this outstanding Fraternity for the work that they have done, are doing, and will do in the future. Council and I further encourage men, women, boys, and girls of this county and surrounding counties to attend the Men's Empowerment Conference and participate in the workshops which relate to their needs. May God place his loving and powerful hands on this conference and workshops, the members of this Fraternity, and all who attend the events of the first Annual Men's Empowerment Weekend.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Blanding, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and unanimously carried by Council to adopt the proclamation as presented and directed the Chairwoman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the proclamation on behalf of Council.

- (2) 07-645 – First Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Fee Agreement Between Sumter County, South Carolina And Kaydon Corporation, Pursuant To Chapter 44 Of Title 12, South Carolina Code Of Laws, 1976, As Amended, And Matters Relating Thereto.

Mr. Johnathan Bryan presented this proposed ordinance for first reading consideration. He stated that last year Sumter County had two economic development projects with Kaydon Corporation, one was for plant four, and the was for plant twelve. Council took action on plant twelve which stated that the County would enter into a Fee In Lieu of agreement with this plant. This ordinance is the actual agreement and it includes the language of the resolution which was passed last year.

Page eight of the fee agreement includes the following language: 6% millage rate.

After all comments, Council took action on first reading.

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

- (3) 07-646 – First Reading -- Drug Paraphernalia: Unlawful To Advertise For Sale, Possess, Manufacture, Sell, Deliver Or Possess With Intent To Sell Or Deliver In The County Of Sumter, South Carolina

This ordinance was removed from the agenda.

- (4) 07-647 – First Reading -- An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 4, Article Ii Of The Sumter County Code Of Ordinances To Make It Unlawful To Own More Than A Certain Number Of Dogs Of Particular Breeds Or To Transport Dogs For The Purpose Of Participation In Dog Fighting Or Animal Fighting Or To Attend A Dog Fighting Or Animal Fighting Event As A Spectator And To Require Business Licenses For Dog Breeders.

This ordinance was removed from the agenda.

- (5) It May Be Suggested To Hold Executive Session To Receive A Legal Briefing From The County Attorney Or Discuss Contractual Or Personnel Matters.

No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS -

- (1) 07-640 -- Second Reading -- An Ordinance To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes For County Purposes Of Sumter County, S. C., (Known As The Budget Ordinance) For The Fiscal Year Of Said County Beginning July 1, 2007, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.

The County Administrator presented this proposed ordinance to Council for second reading and public hearing. He stated that this ordinance currently has the following information listed within the ordinance:

- ◆ Anticipated Expenditures - \$46,006,321
- ◆ Anticipated Revenue - \$46,006,321

Councilman Baker stated that he wants to move on with second reading; however, by third reading to the ordinance, he asked for the millage increase for District 2 residents and District 17 residents, which will show an overall tax increase to the residents.

Councilman Edens stated that he hopes the staff will continue to try to bring the 2.6 mills down. Councilman Byrd stated that because of last year's increases, he too would like to see the taxpayers not be hit hard with taxes this year.

After comments from Council members, the Chairwoman convened a public hearing. After the conclusion of public hearing, Council took action on second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Vice Chairman Baten, and carried by Council to grant second reading to this ordinance as presented. Councilman Byrd voted in opposition to this ordinance.

- (2) 07-641 – Third Reading -- An Ordinance Abandoning The County's Interest In Velletrude Drive And Authorizing The Transfer Of Velletrude Drive To The Arbors Of Sumter, LLC.

The Chairwoman presented this proposed ordinance for third reading approval. Then Council took action on its adoption.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of this ordinance as presented.

- (3) 07-642 – Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2007 Or Such Other Appropriate Series Designation, Of Sumter County, South Carolina, In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding \$4,500,000; Fixing The Form And Details Of The Bonds; Authorizing The County Administrator Or His Lawfully Authorized Designee To Determine Certain Matters 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 Administrator, William T. Noonan, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading and public hearing. He reminded Council that this was the second public hearing on this ordinance. The first public hearing had a principal amount of not exceeding \$4,500,000. This third reading includes the principal amount of not exceeding \$5,000,000. The \$5,000,000 includes: \$3,000,000 for the Youth Park and \$2,000,000 for capital equipment needs for the upcoming fiscal year.

Mr. Mike Ey, Attorney with the McNair Law Firm, was present on behalf of the ordinance. The Chairwoman convened a second public hearing on this proposed ordinance. After the public hearing, Council took action on third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of this ordinance. Councilman Blanding voted in opposition.

- (4) 07-643 – Third Reading -- An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of Ordinances Of Sumter County, South Carolina, By Providing For The Assessment Of Aircraft Subject To Property Tax In Sumter County, South Carolina; To Establish The Assessment Ratio Of The Fair Market Value Of Such Aircraft; To Provide For A Public Hearing; And To Provide For Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Mr. Johnathan Bryan, the County Attorney, stated that this proposed ordinance is before Council for public hearing and third reading. He stated that this ordinance will allow for Council to amend the assessment ratio levied against aircraft. If this ordinance is approved, the assessment ratio would be changed from 10% to 6%. Then the chairwoman convened a public hearing. After the public hearing, Council took action on third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of this ordinance as presented.

- (5) 07-644 – Third Reading -- An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of 13.34 Acres Of Property Located In The Live Oak Industrial Park, Highway 15 South, Sumter, SC.

Mr. Bryan, the County Attorney, presented this proposed ordinance to Council for third reading and public hearing. He stated that this ordinance would authorize the sale of 13.34 acres of property located in the Live Oak Industrial Park, Highway 15, South, Sumter, SC to Sumter Coatings. There have been no changes to this ordinance since second reading.

After comments from the Attorney, the Chairwoman convened a public hearing. After the public hearing was closed, Council took action on third reading approval.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of this ordinance as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- (1) Sumter County Council Budget Workshop Held On [Monday, June 11, 2007, At 5:00 P.M.](#) In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building.

See the minutes from this workshop.

- (2) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee Meeting Held On [Tuesday, June 12, 2007, At 4:30 P.M.](#) In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building (McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens -- All Council Members Are Asked To Attend This Meeting.)

The Chairwoman presented this report and recommendations from the Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee.

- ◆ **Greater Township Community Center:** Several years ago, Council asked that if a Community center wants to take some of its community members (students) on an out-of-town trip, the Center should send the request to Council for action. Dr. Ora Spann sent a request to Council for the students of the Greater Township Community Center to attend two out-of-town trips. The Committee recommended approval of the travel.

ACTION: MOTION and seconded were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the request from Greater Township Community Center.

- ◆ **Discussion of Hosting The Dixie World Series In 2009:** Mr. Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator, informed the Committee about the possibility of Sumter County Recreation Department becoming the host community for the 2009 Dixie World Series.

Mr. Mixon asked Council to allow the Administrator, the Recreation staff, and him to investigate the requirements for a Community to host the World Series and other matters relating to this event. The Committee asked him to investigate this matter on behalf of the County. No action is necessary at this time.

- ◆ **Building Permit:** Mr. George McGregor presented the Committee with information concerning issues relating to building permits (number of permits issued, permits that have not been renewed even though the expiration date has been reached, and permits that are old and work to be performed has not been completed). Mr. McGregor will follow-up on this matter. No action required.
- ◆ **2007-2008 Budget:** This item was handled during second reading of Ordinance 07-640.
- ◆ **Courthouse Security:** The Committee received a briefing from the Administrator informing Council someone had a fire-arm in the Courthouse during last week. Therefore, the Administrator has taken some action on trying to secure the Courthouse. All County Employees have been given identification badges and they must be worn at all times when they are on the job. Also, the Administrator asked the Committee to approve up to \$366,667 from the County's Capital Improvement Fund to use for items needed to secure the County's Courthouse, etc. The Committee recommended approval of the request.

ACTION: MOTION and seconded were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the request for the Administrator to secure up to \$366,667 from the County's Capital Improvement Fund to cover expenses for purchases to secure the County's Courthouse.

- ◆ **Economic Development:** This item was discussed in executive session, no action taken.
- ◆ **Contractual Matter Pertaining To A Property Matter:** The Committee discussed a contractual matter pertaining to Second Mill Pond in executive session. After the executive session, the Committee made the following motion and recommendation.

ACTION: MOTION and seconded were received from the Committee, and unanimously carried by Council to direct the County Attorney to write a letter to an individual/group concerning matters at Second Mill Pond. The letter would include information concerning the possibility of amending the rules in paragraph 13 of the Lease governing the public use of the Second Mill Pond so that electric motors will be allowed to be used on boats in the pond. Further, The Attorney should ask for a response from the recipient of the letter indicating the willingness of the individual/group to allow the rules to be amended to permit electric motors on the boats that the general public puts into the pond. If the individual/group is in accord with this initiative, then Sumter County Council will *negotiate with the Second Mill Owner's, Inc.* to have this rule changed in the lease and to have the new rule promulgated.

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

No additional reports were given.

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

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- ◆ Letter From Faith Line – Appointments To The Library Board
- ◆ Letter From Mr. J. Allen Prescott Stockholder #44
- ◆ Onestop Incumbent Worker Training Assistance.
- ◆ SLRCOG – First Quarter 2007 ACCRA Cost Of Living Index Results.
- ◆ Memo – George K. McGregor – OA-07-06 (Amend various sections of the County Zoning Ordinance In Order To Permit Poultry Incinerators.)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Administrator informed Council about the recent breach in security at the Sumter County Courthouse. He also thanked Council for approving the use of Capital Improvement Funds to assist in resolving some of the issues with security at the Courthouse and at the Magistrates Court area. The Family Court area is one of the most secured court areas in the Court system in Sumter.

- ◆ The County's request to the S. C. General Assembly for a "sixth" exemption to allow the County the opportunity to enter into some discussions that would relieve some encroachment issues has been denied by the state.
- ◆ S. C. Department of Public Safety Grant Award in the amount of \$34,497.00 to the Sheriff's Office for a LIVE SCAN Device.
- ◆ S. C. Department of Public Safety Grant Award in the amount of \$121,686 to the Sheriff's Office For A Drug Analysis Laboratory.
- ◆ S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Office of Solid Waste reduction and Recycling has awarded a FY 2008 Solid Waste Grant IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,360.
- ◆ S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling has awarded a FY 2008 Used Oil Grant in the amount of \$22,630.
- ◆ S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling has awarded a FY 2008 Waste Tire/Automobile Dismantler Recycling Grant in the amount of \$34,775.
- ◆ The Administrator informed Council that he recently signed and returned to the State Department of Corrections an agreement that the County enters into each year for the County to be a designated facility for state inmates who provide services throughout the County to be housed at the Detention Center. The state inmates provide the County with services equaling approximately \$500,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairwoman asked if anyone from the public would like to make comments to members of Sumter County Council. No one spoke during public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Fleming-McGhaney
Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council

Approved: _____

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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: June 7, 2007
- 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, Time Warner Cable.
- Date Notified: June 7, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding
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