

**MINUTES**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Wednesday, October 6, 1999 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Sumter County Council Chambers**  
**County Administration Building**

**Council Present:** James A. Campbell, Chairman, Louis Fleming, Vice Chairman, Carol Burr, Charles T. Edens, Naomi Sanders, Rudy Singleton, and Frank E. Williams, Jr.

**Staff Present:** Lorraine Washington Dennis, Mary W. Lewis, Joe McElveen, Tony Criscitiello, and Bill Hoge.

**Media Present:** The Item

**Public Present:** Approximately eight members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell and the invocation was given by Vice Chairman Fleming.

**Amendment To Agenda:** MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to add to the October 6, 1999, agenda "*Letter to Chairman Campbell From Councilman Singleton Concerning Planning Sessions of Council.*"

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

The Chairman indicated that he would entertain a motion to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter. At the conclusion of executive session, Council re-entered open session.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Chairman then stated that he would entertain a motion concerning the executive session matter.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Burr, and carried by Council to direct the appropriate staff and Development Board representative to go forward with negotiations as discussed in the executive session. Councilman Fleming abstained.

- Pending Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.  
Mr. Tony Criscitiello and Mr. Hoge gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan and indicated that this document would be on Council's agenda for third reading at its October

12, 1999, meeting. However, it was recommended by Councilman Burr and agreed to by Council to defer third reading on this matter until Council's October 26, 1999, meeting. Council also agreed to allow citizens to bring forth any concerns about the Comprehensive Plan and discuss them at Council's October 12, 1999, meeting. If any changes are needed in the Comprehensive Plan, then these changes can be incorporated into the Plan prior to Council taking action on third reading.

Council then received an overview of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Criscitiello and Mr. Hoge discussed the recommendations submitted by the three citizens groups. Some members of the groups were in attendance at this meeting.

Also, Mr. Mike Watson spoke to Council about the process in which trees can be cut down within a subdivision. He stated that if the developer of the subdivision cannot move the tree, then the property owner should not have that right either. He added that if the tree needs protection by the developer, why does it not need protection by the property owner?

Mr. Carl Croft also spoke to Council about several land development concerns.

After all comments, Council agreed to have first reading on the Zoning Ordinance at its October 12, 1999, meeting. Mr. Criscitiello stated that there will be a public hearing on the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan on Monday, October 18, 1999, from 6:00-8:00 in the Auditorium of the Opera House sponsored by the Planning Commission.

NOTE: The Liaison Committee of County Council (Naomi Sanders, Chair, Frank E. Williams, Jr., and Rudy Singleton) will meet with representatives from City Council (William Randolph, William Painter, and Walter Newman) to discuss the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan from each Council's perspective. This meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. in County Council's Conference Room.

- Letter to Chairman Concerning Planning Sessions of County Council  
Councilman Singleton asked Council to allow Mr. Kepner to find a facilitator to facilitate a planning session of County Council. Additionally Councilman Singleton asked each Council member to develop his/her list of priority concerns and forward them to the Clerk for compilation. After the list is combined, the Clerk will forward copies to each member of Council and the Administrator prior to the meeting.

Additional coordination of this meeting will be handled by the Clerk, the Chairman, and Councilman Singleton.

#### ADJOURNMENT

After all comments, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Lewis