

Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
October 26, 1999 - Held at 6:00 p.m.
SUMTER COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
County Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: James A. Campbell, Chairman, Carol Burr, Louis Fleming, Charles E. Edens, Naomi Sanders, Rudy Singleton, and Frank E. Williams, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Lorraine Washington Dennis, Interim County Administrator/Human Resource Director; Ms. Mary W. Lewis, Clerk to County Council; Mr. Joe McElveen, County Attorney; Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director; Mr. William Hoge, Planning Coordinator; Mr. Ed Owens, Deputy Assessor; Mr. John Duffie, County Engineer; Mrs. Pam Craven, Grants Writer; the Honorable Verna Moore, County Coroner; Mr. Simon Major, Correctional Center Director; Ms. Maggie Lane, Correctional Center Captain; Mrs. Jeanette Mixon, Finance Director; and Mrs. Carolina Richardson, Accounts Payable Supervisor.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item and WIBZ Radio.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 126 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Campbell, and Vice Chairman Fleming gave the invocation.

ACTION ON MINUTES: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of October 12, 1999, as presented by the Clerk.

NOTE: Councilman Singleton voiced his concern about there being no minutes for the October 21, 1999, workshop concerning the proposed Land Use Plan Ordinance and the City-County Zoning Ordinance.

LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS
Planned Development/Rezoning Requests

- (1) PUD-99-13 - Fred L. Hatfield, Jr. --- **Second Reading** - A Request By Fred L. Hatfield, Jr. To Rezone Property Off Suber Street (Tax Map 186-01-01-011) From General Commercial To A Planned Unit Development, Type B, In Order To Allow For Commercial And Industrial Uses. (**Action on second reading will be held after Public Hearing on this item.**)

Mr. Hoge presented this matter before Council. He reminded Council that both the Planning staff and the Planning Commission have recommended approval of this request. He added that this request is designated in the 2005 Land Development Plan as Suburban Development. This provides for diversified development and the highest and best use options. Also, Mr. Hoge stated that City water is available for this property and this particular request is more compatible with Shaw AFB.

There were no questions from Council; therefore, the Chairman called for a public hearing on this matter. After the public hearing. Council took action on Second reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading to this rezoning request.

- (2) RZ-99-21 – Lamar Johnson – **Second Reading** – A Request To Rezone Property Located On Rooster Circle (Tax Map 116, 117, 118, 119, 169, And 170 Part) From Rural Development District To Conservation Preservation District. . (Action on second reading will be held after Public Hearing on this item.)

Mr. Hoge stated that Mr. Lamar Johnson and approximately 21 of his neighbors have requested to rezone property in the vicinity of Rooster Circle from Rural Development District to Conservation Preservation District. The rezoning request will have little or no effect on traffic in the area. Mr. Hoge added that water and sewer are not available on this property and the property is currently vacant. He added that the applicants hope to protect the “farm” environment in this area.

The Planning Commission and the Planning staff have both recommended approval of this rezoning request.

The Chairman then convened a public hearing. After the public hearing, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to defer second reading until such time as the Planning Commission staff, the applicant, and those in opposition to the rezoning request, can meet to work out a solution to their differences.

- (3) RZ-99-25 – City of Sumter – **Second Reading** – A Request To Rezone Property Located On Highway 521 South Between Race Track Road And Justin Lane (320.30 Acres) (Tax Map 253-00-02-006 Part) From Rural Development District To Heavy Industrial District. **Action on second reading will be held after Public Hearing on this item.)**

Mr. Hoge stated that this is a request from the City of Sumter to rezone property located on Highway 521, South from Rural Development District to Heavy Industrial District to facilitate an Empowerment Zone Industrial Park. The size of the property is 320.30 acres. He added that the Planning staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of this rezoning request.

Councilman Fleming stated that he has very much concerned about an agency attempting to position itself ahead of education, job training skills, and soft skills for the people in Census Tract #13, #15, and #16. He added that his understanding from representatives in Washington, DC was that education and training would happen first before acquiring land or building edifices. He added that if this is the plan, then this is not the priority upon which the Empowerment Zone was developed; it was developed on education and training.

The Chairman then convened a public hearing on this matter. After the public hearing, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to defer second reading until such time as the City can bring a Plan before Council which would allow the neighbors to understand "neighborhood friendly industry."

- (4) RZ-99-26 - James Hawthorne - **Second Reading** - A Request To Rezone Property Located At The Corner Of Highway 15 South And Pack Road (Tax Map 225-00-03-043) From Rural Agricultural District To General Commercial District. **Action on second reading will be held after Public Hearing on this item.**

Mr. Hoge stated that this request is a 102-acre-tract of land. Upon review of the Planning Commission and the Planning staff, it was recommended that only the "first 500 feet" of this property, fronting Highway 15, South, be rezoned to General Commercial District. The remainder of the property would continue to be rezoned Rural Agricultural District.

The Chairman then convened a public hearing on this matter. After the public hearing, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval of this rezoning request for only the *first 500 feet* of the property front on Highway 15, South.

- (5) OA-99-12 -- Care South - Deborah Padgett -- **Second Reading** - (99-382) - A Request To Amend Table II, Article VI, Page VI-14 Of The Sumter Zoning Ordinance In Order To Allow Home Health Care Services (SIC 808) As A Permitted Use In The Professional Office Zoning District. **Action on second reading will be held after Public Hearing on this item.**

Mr. Hoge stated that Ms. Deborah Padgett, the applicant, has requested that the Sumter Zoning Ordinance be amended to allow for Home Health Care Services to be allowed as a permitted use in the Professional Office Zoning District. He added that the Planning Commission and the Planning staff have recommended approval of this proposed ordinance amendment.

The Chairman then convened a public hearing on this ordinance amendment. After the public hearing, Council took action on this matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant second reading approval of this ordinance amendment.

- (6) 99-371 -**Third Reading** -- An Ordinance Adopting A Comprehensive Plan for Sumter County Entitled "2020 Comprehensive Plan," Pursuant to the S. C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, As Specifically Required By Section 6-29-510, *et seq.*

Mr. Tony Criscitiello, Planning Director, presented this request to Council. He stated that this proposed Comprehensive Plan is the vision for Sumter County for the next twenty years. Mr. Criscitiello stated that the existing Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1987 and has not been

revised since that time. He added that the state law requires that each Comprehensive Plan be reconsidered and readopted every ten years. Image, character, and aesthetics of Sumter County are presented in a visionary manner in this proposed plan.

It was recommended that the language of the Comprehensive Plan pertaining to Sewer Facilities Goals (page 31) be amended to read as follows:

Sewer Facilities Goals

Sewer and Water Goal: It is suggested that cooperation will be encouraged by all Special Purpose Water Districts, Water Companies, Sumter Water Company, Town of Pinewood, and the City of Sumter Water and Sewer Services.

It was also recommended that the map of the Comprehensive Plan be changed for the property located adjacent to Loring Mill Parkway – between Loring Mill Road and St. Paul Church Road (500 feet from both sides of the parkway) to be shown as General Business Development.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to defer third reading on this proposed ordinance.

- (7) 99-372 - First Reading - An Ordinance Adopting A Sumter City-County Zoning and Development Standards for the City and County of Sumter Entitled "Sumter City-County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance," Pursuant to the S. C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, as specifically required by Section 6-29-510, et seq.

Mr. Tony Criscitello stated that this is the companion ordinance to the proposed Comprehensive Plan. He stated that the Planning staff recommends first reading with the idea that Council will continue to make amendments to the proposed ordinance prior to third reading.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Vice Chairman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to hold a public hearing on 99-372 on November 9 and November 23, 1999.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Vice Chairman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to defer first reading until the November 9, 1999, meeting of County Council.

- (8) Update - Census 2000

Mr. Hoge introduced Mrs. Coleen Yates who is the Volunteer Census Director for the County. Mrs. Yates stated that the Census for Sumter County is presently being coordinated and getting prepared for the 2000 Census. She stated that people must be educated about filling out Census forms and returning the forms expediently.

Also, Mr. Hoge stated that several people will be hired to assist in the Census process by the Federal Census Agency. He added that April 1, 2000, is Census Day.

Street Name Change - None

Grants: None

PUBLIC HEARING

- (1) PUD-99-13 - Fred L. Hatfield, Jr. --- A Request By Fred L. Hatfield, Jr. To Rezone Property Off Suber Street (Tax Map 186-01-01-011) From General Commercial To A Planned Unit Development, Type B, In Order To Allow For Commercial And Industrial Uses.

The Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter and inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this rezoning request. No one spoke on this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing, and Council took action on this matter during Land Use Matters and Rezoning Requests.

- (2) RZ-99-21 - Lamar Johnson -- A Request To Rezone Property Located On Rooster Circle (Tax Map 116, 117, 118, 119, 169, And 170 Part) From Rural Development District To Conservation Preservation District.

The Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter and inquired if anyone wished to speak in opposition to this rezoning request.

- **Mr. Jesse McLeod** stated that he just purchased property in March (Tax Map 117), and he does not want it rezoned. Some of his property has already been subdivided and recorded as one-acre lots. He also voiced concern about having his property included in this request without his knowledge.
- **Mr. John Dinkins, Jr.** stated that he lives in Clarendon County but has been farming in Sumter County for a number of years. He stated that he does own a block of the property that is proposed to be rezoned. He added that he has 65 acres and has no great zeal to keep the property from being rezoned. However, in order to protect the value of his property he is not in support of the rezoning if it is rezoned before he gets his land into a Conservation Reserve Program. This rezoning may reduce the marketability of his acreage. He asked that this be deferred until after the beginning of the CRP sign-up program, which is January 18, 2000.
- **Mr. Harry Ives** from Camden, South Carolina (owner of The Land Center) spoke to Council and stated that he is the developer of two tracts of land in the proposed rezoning request that he was notified about this afternoon. He stated that he owns 139 acres in one plot and 70 acres in another plot. Mr. Ives stated that his development plan has been approved and recorded in Sumter County. He also added that he has made no request for this proposed rezoning, and he does not know how this rezoning will effect his approved development.
- **The Honorable E. B. (Mac) McLeod** spoke to Council about his concern towards this rezoning request. He stated that the McLeod family does not want this property rezoned as proposed. He added that some of this property abuts to the City Limits of Pinewood, SC and if it is rezoned to Conservation Preservation, then it may prohibit the growth of Pinewood.

- **Mr. Lee Holloway representative of Holmes Tindal (Atlantic Coast Properties)** spoke to Council about this proposed rezoning request and his opposition to it on behalf of Mr. Tindal. He stated that Mr. Tindal purchased this 82.26 acre tract of land with the sole purpose of developing it for residential houses. Mr. Holloway added that the property has been subdivided in lots of one to, two and one-half acres. The proposed development is projected in two phases. The site plan has already been drawn and approved by the Planning Department as well as recorded by the Register of Deeds. Mr. Holloway stated that his client is in opposition to this rezoning request.

The Chairman then inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of the rezoning request.

- **Mr. Lamar Johnson** stated that the reason the community people who live in the area want this rezoning is because they do not have any municipal infrastructure in the area. He asked if all the developers are willing to provide the needed septic tanks, sewage, water, etc. once the growth starts. He stated that he has a petition with approximately 100 names on it asking that this rezoning take place. He asked Council to place a moratorium on any development in this area until this rezoning can be finalized.

There being no further comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on this matter during Land Use Matters and Rezoning Requests.

- (3) RZ-99-25 - City of Sumter -- A Request To Rezone Property Located On Highway 521 South Between Race Track Road And Justin Lane (320.30 Acres) (Tax Map 253-00-02-006 Part) From Rural Development District To Heavy Industrial District.

The Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter and inquired if anyone wished to speak in opposition to this matter.

- **Mr. Donnie Wilburn** stated that he is a resident on 521 South for the last 20 years and stated he is against this rezoning request.
- **Mr. Richard Hudson** stated that he lives on 521 South and if this rezoning request is approved, it would reduce his property value to almost nothing. He added that he objects to this matter in the strongest manner.
- **Mr. Levern Newman** spoke and said that his property abuts to the proposed rezoning request and he is totally against the rezoning.

The Chairman then inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of the rezoning request. Mrs. Lorraine Washington Dennis stated Mr. Tobias, City Manager, called and asked that his support of the request be recorded. Additionally, Councilman Burr stated that Mr. Tobias also spoke to him concerning the City's support of this request and said that the industry would be neighborhood friendly.

There being no other comments, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on this matter under Land Use Matters.

- (4) RZ-99-26 – James Hawthorne -- A Request To Rezone Property Located At The Corner Of Highway 15 South And Pack Road (Tax Map 225-00-03-043) From Rural Agricultural District To General Commercial District.

The Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter. He inquired if any one wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this rezoning request. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing, then Council took action on this matter under Land Use Matters and Rezoning Requests.

- (5) OA-99-12 -- Care South – Deborah Padgett -- (99-382) – A Request To Amend Table II, Article VI, Page VI-14 Of The Sumter Zoning Ordinance In Order To Allow Home Health Care Services (SIC 808) As A Permitted Use In The Professional Office Zoning District.

The Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter. He inquired if any one wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this rezoning request. No one spoke to this issue; therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing, then Council took action on this matter under Land Use Matters and Rezoning requests.

- (6) 99-379 – **Third Reading** -- An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 99-373 Of Sumter County, South Carolina (The 1999-2000 Sumter County Budget Ordinance) By Increasing The Amount Of Anticipated Funds, Moneys And Revenues Estimated To Be Received By Sumter County From All Resources Other Than Ad Valorem Taxes, Increasing The Amount To Be Allocated Toward The 1999-2000 Budget Of Sumter County. (Action on Third Reading will be held right after the public hearing or during Old Business.)

The Chairman convened a public hearing on this matter. He inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this rezoning request. No one spoke to this matter, therefore, the Chairman closed the public hearing and Council took action on this matter under Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Green School Presentation.

Mrs. Shirley Palmer presented the Green School proposal along with Mrs. Julia Wells. Then Mrs. Wells spoke to Council and asked Council to consider donating the property of the Green School to the Alumni Association of Green School to achieve the following goals:

- To acquire, restore, and maintain the Green School property and use it to house historical information and other artifacts pertaining to the former “Colored Schools” in Sumter.
- To share with current and future generations historical documents, photographs, and artifacts, which reflect the cultural values and educational philosophy that created and supported the existence of these schools.
- To encourage local residents and visitors to learn more about these schools and the impact they have had on citizens of Sumter County and throughout our Nation.

Mrs. Wells added that Green School is one of the last, if not the last, piece of Colored School property to remain in public hands. She added that the time is right for the County to help its

citizens in this venture. Also, Mrs. Wells added that Sumter County would be enriched if this is done, and it could boost tourism in Sumter County. Mrs. Wells ended her comments by stating that if the County engages in this project, this could motivate and develop character in young people, allow the Spectrum to have a home for as long as they would like to be housed at the Green School, and it would foster positive race relations in the County.

ACTION: Council received this presentation as information.

(2) A Resolution Urging Counties To Proclaim November 15 As "American Recycles Day." Sumter Green - Comments Concerning The Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

Chairman Campbell presented a proposed resolution concerning proclaiming November 15, 1999, as American Recycles Day. The resolution will allow for the following:

- The county to expand its existing purchasing policy to favor the purchase of recycled products to the extent practicable.
- Provide a preference for the use of office paper which is 30% post consumer recycled.
- Establish used motor oil collection sites, or promote the existing facilities.
- Establish/promote recycling programs for computers, clothing, and/or other goods not currently collected.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval and adoption of the resolution as presented.

(3) A Resolution Recognizing Mayes Pringle Warr

The Chairman introduced this proposed resolution to Council. After review of the resolution listed below, Council took action on the adoption of the resolution.

WHEREAS, God in His great power and wisdom fashioned a work of art when He allowed Mayes Pringle Warr to be born in these United States and this County of Sumter and granted her the gift of being a mother, grandmother, and a nurturer; and

WHEREAS, Mayes Pringle Warr developed her nurturing spirit by entering and graduating from the Tuomey School of Nursing in 1957, and she has continued to provide services for thousands of people over the years through her nursing skills and caring spirit; and

WHEREAS, She was one of the initial employees of Hopewell Healthcare Center, she has persistently reached for higher levels of nursing and professionalism and was eventually named Director of Hopewell Healthcare Center because of her great character, respect, and principles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sumter County Council recognizes that Sumter County is a better place to live because of the outstanding contributions and services rendered by Mrs. Mayes Pringle Warr. She exemplifies a life of great character, sincerity, and

dependability in all services to her profession, family, community, and the many families she has served during her career at Hopewell Healthcare Center.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that we, the members of Sumter County Council, applaud Mrs. Warr for her thirty-five years of service at Hopewell and wish her well in her future endeavors. May God continue to give Ms. Warr a Florence Nightingale spirit, seasoned with Samaritan's kindness as she enters her wonderful golden years.*

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval and adoption of the resolution as presented.

(4) Presentation On The COP's Program.

The Sheriff, Tommy Mims, Captain Sinkler, Lieutenant Roger Richardson, and citizens who work and live in the COP's program areas spoke to Council about their support of the COP's program. Captain Sinkler and Lieutenant Richardson put together a survey concerning the Community Oriented Policing Program, and each Council member was given a copy of the survey. The following people spoke to Council concerning this program. The COP's Officers were also introduced.

- Deacon Robert Burgess and Mr. John Moore from the South Sumter COP's Program stated that the older community citizens are more comfortable in the neighborhoods since the implementation of the COP's program. The officers not only fight crime but they are willing to work with the community to make it a more aesthetically pleasing community. It was also stated that the relationship with the COP's officers is very genuine and welcoming. South Sumter is happy with its COP's officers and this program should not be questioned.
- Ms. Beverly Washington from the St. John Shiloh community stated that the COP's officers are very productive and very much needed in this secluded area of Sumter County.
- Mr. James Kershaw and Mrs. Marilyn Moore spoke in support of the Cherryvale Community Oriented Policing Program. Mr. Kershaw stated that as the community works with the COP's officers, the community becomes the eyes and ears for the officers and the relationship between the community and the officers becomes more bonding. Mrs. Moore stated that the COP's officers have become an extension of the community's families. She added that the officers do not just look for bad, but they try to promote the good in the community.
- Deacon Hampton Gardner, Jr. and Mrs. Earline Allen from the Rembert COP's Program spoke in support of the program. Deacon Gardner stated that the officers frequently travel through the neighborhood to keep watch on homes. Also, if someone is going to be out-of-town, the Officers keep a closer watch on the homes. Mr. Michael McCall also spoke in support of the Rembert COP's Program. He stated that if people are more educated and allow to reach their dreams, the community would be better. He added that the COP's Program is teaching the community how to live together better so that all can reach their dreams.
- Mrs. Peggy Roberts and Mr. Howard Conte' spoke in support of the 441 COP's Program. Mr. Conte' stated that he has seen a development of trust in the neighborhood with the COP's

officers. He also stated that there continues to be a need for this program because it truly is bringing the community together.

- Ms. Earline China stated that she supports the COP's Program and this program is needed.
- Mr. Tom Parsons from the Delanie Wedgefield area said the COP's program is very useful in the community. He stated that the COP's Program in the Wedgefield area has instituted a tutoring program and other programs to help the youngsters. The COP's officers are much needed.

After all comments, the Chairman stated that Council has never considered doing away with the COP's program, but Council has about budgetary matters relating to the COP's program. Vice Chairman Fleming stated that he has no objection to the COP's program. However, he is concerned about the paper trail of the money for the COP's program. Lastly, he stated that Council must give accountability to the constituents for how moneys are being spent.

ACTION: This presentation was received as information.

(5) Observance of Halloween.

The Sheriff stated that the recommended that the community observe Halloween this year on Saturday, October 30, 1999.

Council agreed with this recommendation.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council that it is recommended that the citizens of Sumter County, SC observe Halloween on Saturday, October 30, 1999.

(6) It May Be Suggested To Hold Executive Session To Discuss A Legal, Contractual, or Personnel Matter or Receive A Legal Briefing. (The Executive Session, If Approved By Council, Will Be Held After All Business Matters Have Been Completed.)

The executive session was held at the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

(1) 99-379 - Third Reading -- An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 99-373 Of Sumter County, South Carolina (The 1999-2000 Sumter County Budget Ordinance) By Increasing The Amount Of Anticipated Funds, Moneys And Revenues Estimated To Be Received By Sumter County From All Resources Other Than Ad Valorem Taxes, Increasing The Amount To Be Allocated Toward The 1999-2000 Budget Of Sumter County. (Action on Third Reading will be held right after the public hearing or during Old Business.)

The Chairman introduced this matter and then convened a public hearing. After the public hearing, Council took action on the proposed ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this ordinance amendment as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (1) Waste Disposal Liaison Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room (Committee Members: Burr, Edens, and Williams)

The Committee Chairman, Councilman Burr, made the following recommendation and report:

Monitoring Plan for Landfill: The Committee recommended that the County Engineer be granted permission to accomplish additional monitoring plans within current environmental budget appropriations at the County's landfill.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Vice Chairman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

- (2) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room (Committee Members: Campbell, Fleming, and Edens)

The Chairman of the Committee, Chairman Campbell, gave the following report and recommendations

Sumter Little Theatre Property: The Committee recommended that negotiations continue on the sale of the Sumter Little theatre property.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of the recommendation.

Santee-Lynches Consortium Agreement: It was recommended that the County Attorney review the existing Consortium Agreement and recommend proper wording changes as necessary and have the Chairman write a letter to Santee-Lynches COG stating that the new document was being prepared for consideration by the Consortium.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and carried by Council to grant approval of the recommendation. Councilman Burr abstained.

MONTHLY REPORTS

- Sumter County Treasurer's Report of Income for September 1999.
- Sumter County Sheriff's Department Report.
- Clemson University Extension Keep America Beautiful.

INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Financial statement was given to each Council member, and Mrs. Carolina Richardson discussed the document with Council members. The unaudited fund balance is \$3,199,829.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Mr. Steve Rust** spoke to Council in support of the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. He stated that these two documents are here to help the City and County move into the 21st Century.
- **Col. Mike Fitz** presented a letter from Shaw AFB's Commander stating Shaw AFB is in support of the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.
- **Maree McAlister** provided a copy of a letter from the Chamber of Commerce stating its interest in the Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- **Councilwoman Sanders** asked that the St. Paul Wedgefield Community group be allowed to meet in one of the rooms at the Shaw Campus of Central Carolina Technical College. It was suggested that this matter be forwarded to the Interim County Administrator.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Prior to entering executive session, the Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion to enter executive session for discussions a personnel matter and a contractual matter.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Burr, and unanimously carried by Council to enter executive session to discuss a contractual matter and a personnel matter. At the conclusion of executive session, Council re-entered open session.

OPEN SESSION

The Chairman reported that there is no action to be taken; therefore, Council adjourned its meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Clerk to County Council

Approved: _____

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

Public Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agenda posted on bulletin board outside the County Administrator's office and bulletin board on the first floor of the Administration Building.

Date Posted: October 21, 1999

Media Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas were sent to most radio stations, television stations, and newspapers in the Sumter, Columbia, Manning, and Florence communities.

Date Notified: October 21, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Lewis