

**Minutes  
Sumter County Council  
Regular Meeting  
November 9, 1999 - Held at 6:00 p.m.  
The University Of South Carolina - Miller Road, Sumter, SC  
Nettles Auditorium**

**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 Resources 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. Latham Harris, Assessor; Major Simon Major, Correctional Center Director; The Honorable Verna Moore, County Coroner; Mr. Victor Jones, Public Safety Director; and Mr. John Duffie, County Engineer;

**MEDIA PRESENT:** The Item, WLTX Television Station, and WIBZ Radio.

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Approximately 159 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.

**AMENDMENT TO AGENDA:** MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to amend the agenda of November 9, 1999, to receive a report for the Ad Hoc Committee Concerning the Proposed Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Conditional and Permitted Usage. This will be added under Land Use Matters and Rezoning Requests.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of October 26, 1999, as presented by the Clerk.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** MOTION was made by Councilwoman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the minutes of November 2, 1999, as presented by the Clerk.

## **LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS**

### **Planned Development/Rezoning Requests**

#### **(1) Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Councilman Edens reported that Vice Chairman Fleming, Councilman Burr, Representative E. B. McLeod, and he met with Mr. Hoge and Mr. Criscitiello to discuss concerns relating to conditional and permitted uses. He stated that Ad Hoc committee addressed made the following recommendations:

- Addressed the AC (Agricultural Conservation) areas in the Permitted and Conditional Uses and requested that approximately 70 different businesses be placed in the Conditional/Permitted Uses in the Agricultural Conservation area. *NOTE: A regular Conditional Use would be handled through normal Conditional Use Procedures. A*

*Conditional Use with a distance beside it would require the business owner to gain approval from adjacent property owners that have property within that distance from the planned business building.*

- Conditional Use under the Agricultural Conservation would require that the sidelines of the front of businesses be either 300, 500, or 1,000 feet from the adjacent property owners. However, there would be two exceptions: (1) if the adjoining land owners agrees to permit a standard sideline set back, then the required footage of the Conditional Use would not be mandatory. (2) Should the Conditional Use business be located at an intersection, the footage from the front and the sideline next to the public road would be a standard setback. (See Attachment #1)
- Addressed Exhibit 12 (Discontinuance Schedule For Certain Non-Conforming Uses) and recommended to remove from Exhibit 12 (1) Used Car Lots, Other Open Uses of Land, and Contractor's Equipment, and Fences in Sight Triangle.

Then Councilman Burr reported that the Committee agreed to recommend for approval the following concerning wetlands.

- The Corps of Engineers will control wetlands or another federally recognized authority shall be accepted under this ordinance.
- Wetlands contained in Carolina Bays, Savannah's, or other naturally occurring depressions which may or may not be regulated by the Corps of Engineers will be regulated as follows:
  - Development of natural occurring depressions containing wetlands greater than two acres in area must retain 65% of said wetlands as wetlands are for recreation, detention, retention, or aesthetics; however, the other 35% is allowed for development.
  - Naturally occurring depressions containing wetlands of two (2) acres or less may be developed provided that satisfactory drainage is accomplished and all FEMA regulations as to flood plains are adhered to.
  - Naturally occurring depressions containing wetlands greater than two (2) acres in area may be developed provided that satisfactory drainage is accomplished and all FEMA regulations as to flood plain are adhered to except as noted below.
  - Naturally occurring depressions or cypress bays containing wetlands greater than two (2) acres in area may not be developed if they contained cypress trees with a (DBH) of eight (8") inches or more in substantial numbers.

He added that Sumter Green and the Solid Waste Committee of Sumter County have recommended that parking lots should have one "hard body" trash container for every sixty parking spaces within a parking lot.

It was also recommended

- To eliminate the requirement of sidewalks in subdivisions within the unincorporated areas of the County and if a developer installs curbs and gutters, the developer would only be required to have a 12-month maintenance guarantee as specified by the Public Works Department of the County. Without the curbs and gutters, a contractor would have a 24-month maintenance guarantee.
- To eliminate the residential tree ordinance as it relates to the unincorporated areas of the County.

At the conclusion of the report, the following action was taken by Council:

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Vice Chairman Fleming, and carried by Council to approve the recommendations as presented by Councilman Burr and Councilman Edens for inclusion in the proposed Sumter Zoning Ordinance for the County. Councilman Singleton voted nay.

- (1) RZ-99-22/PUD-99-16 - Austin Floyd - First Reading - A Request To Rezone Property From Residential-15 To General Commercial Zoning In Conjunction With A Planned Unit Development Which Would Stipulate Only Two (2) Curb Cuts Along The Property At Highway 15 Next To Lakewood Links (Tax Map 2 22-00-01-022)

Mr. Hoge stated that Mr. Austin E. Floyd is requesting to rezone 300 feet in depth of property fronting Highway 15, South from Residential-15 to General Commercial overlaid with a Planned Unit Development Type A. This property is located across from Nettles Road and Nazarene Church Road. The applicant's property consists of 53 acres; however, the applicant is only requesting the front 300 feet in depth to be rezoned to commercial. Mr. Hoge added that the applicant is rezoning in conjunction with a Planned Unit Development that would stipulate only 2 curb cuts on Highway 15 South aligning with Nettles Road and Nazarene Church Road.

Mr. Hoge stated that the current Land Use Plan designates this land as Rural Development. This designation is to maintain its rural character. The request does not comply with the 2005 Land Development Plan. The Planning Commission and Planning staff recommended approval of this request as presented.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to this rezoning request.

- (2) RZ-99-27 - Big Time Properties, LLC -- First Reading - A Request To Rezone Property Located At 2551 Broad Street (Tax Map 203-07-01-005) From General Residential To General Commercial District In Order To Market The Entire Property For Commercial Development.

Mr. Hoge stated that Big Time Properties hopes to rezone property located at 2551 Broad Street (across from Boyle Motor Company) from General Residential to General Commercial in order to market the entire property for commercial development. This request complies with the current Land Use Plan. He added that City water is available and the property is currently vacant. Additionally, the property is partially located in a flood hazard area.

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

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to this rezoning request.

- (3) RZ-99-29 - Claude L. Barnes - First Reading - A Request To Rezone Property Located At The Corner Of McCrays Mill Road And Pinewood Road (Tax Map 206-00-05-006 and 007) From Residential-15 To General Commercial District.

The Planning Coordinator presented this request. He added that this request consists of 22.84 acres of land that is currently vacant. Mr. Claude L. Barnes, Jr., the applicant and property owner hopes to rezone this property from Residential-15 to General Commercial District as a speculative venture. This request complies with the 2005 Plan. City water and sewer could be available if annexed into the area. The Planning Commission and Planning staff both recommended approval of this request.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to this rezoning request.

- (4) PUD-99-13 - Fred L. Hatfield, Jr. --- **Third 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.

Mr. Hoge stated that there have been no changes to this request since its first reading. Mr. Hatfield hopes to have this property rezoned from General Commercial to a Planned Unit Development Type B in order to allow for commercial and industrial uses.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption of this rezoning request.

- (5) 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.

Mr. Hoge reminded Council that second reading was deferred until the City of Sumter could provide Council with a plan for this Industrial Park Development. A preliminary type plan for this property reflects one road intersection off Highway 521, South and the other one come off Justin Lane, which is the current access of the Sewage Treatment Plant. The City has engaged an engineering firm, which will develop an engineered conception plan. He added that this area was one of the three pieces of property identified as industrial development during the Empowerment Zone process.

Then Mr. Steve Rust, the Development Board Director, spoke to Council about his support of this project. Council then took action of this matter after all comments.

Councilman Burr added that the people in that community do not feel that they have a voice to stop this rezoning from taking place. They want to live in the "country" with a quite atmosphere and not live beside industry.

Councilman Fleming voiced his concern about purchasing property prior to training, educating, and enhancing job skills for those that would eventually need updated skills for working in industry.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and carried by Council to approve second reading as presented. Councilman Burr voted in opposition, Councilman Fleming abstained; the motion carried.

- (6) RZ-99-26 - James Hawthorne - **Third 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.

Mr. Hoge stated that this rezoning request has not changed from the recommendation offered at first reading (to only rezone the front 500 feet off Highway 15, South from Rural Agricultural to General Commercial).

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council as presented.

- (7) OA-99-12 -- Care South - Deborah Padgett -- **Third 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.

Mr. Hoge informed Council that there have been no changes to this proposed ordinance amendment since first reading. The public hearing was held at second reading with no opposition voiced by the public.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading and adoption to this ordinance amendment.

- (8) 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. Hoge introduced this matter. He stated that the enabling legislation of 1999 as specifically required by Section 6-29-510, *et seq* states that each County must have for its zoning element a comprehensive plan. The Comprehensive Plan has seven elements and the elements can be adopted at different times by the governing body. The Planning staff has presented four elements in this particular portion of the Plan and will bring the other three elements to Council at a later date.

First and second readings were held during March and April of 1999 as well as the public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried by Council to defer third reading on this matter until such time that Council is ready to have third reading on the Zoning ordinance and give approval of both of these documents at the same time.

- (9) 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. (A public hearing will be held prior to action on first reading. Also, a second public hearing is scheduled for November 23, 1999.)

Mr. Hoge stated that this would be first reading on the Sumter City-County Zoning and Development Standards Ordinance by County Council. This ordinance would implement the Comprehensive Plan once both documents are approved. This particular Zoning Ordinance combines the former Subdivision Ordinance into the Zoning Ordinance. After three readings and a public hearing, this would become the NEW Zoning Ordinance for the County. After discussions on this matter, the Chairman then called for a public hearing, at the conclusion of the public hearing; Council took action on this matter.

**ACTIOTN:** MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton that first reading be denied and readopt the old ordinance and direct the County Attorney to take one section at a time of this ordinance and bring it into compliance with the new state legislation. The motion died for a lack of a second.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Edens, and carried by Council to grant first reading to this proposed ordinance. Councilman Singleton voted nay. The motion carried.

### Street Name Change

- (1) SN-99-06 -First Reading - A Request To Change The Street Name Of Degroot Road (Tax Map 133-00) To Sidjohn Road. This Private Road Runs From Horne Road To Peach Orchard Road.

Mr. Hoge presented this proposed street name change request. He stated that Mr. Julian R. Brown, Sr. has requested to change Degroot Road to Sidjohn Road. The private street runs from Horne Road to Peach Orchard Road.

The Planning Commission staff and the County Auditor's Office have reviewed the request. The Auditor's Office has approved the street name. The Planning staff stated that there were concerns expressed by the Tax Assessor's Office in that this street is one continuous road and needs to have one name. The residents on the street end at Peach Orchard use a Degroot Road address and the residents on the Horne Road end of the street still use Peach Orchard Road addresses. The entire street needs one name either Degroot or Sidjohn with all residences on the street having addresses on this street.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request with the name of Sidjohn Road.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Sanders, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to this proposed street name change.

**Grants: None**

## PUBLIC HEARING

- (1) 99-372 – 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.

The Chairman convened a public hearing. He inquired if anyone wished to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance? The following persons spoke in support of the ordinance.

- Mr. Herb Leaird spoke concerning articles seven, eight, and nine of the proposed ordinance. He stated that he served on a committee that has made workable recommendations to be incorporated into the proposed ordinance. He asked Council to support the Zoning with the recommended changes included. He also made comments concerning rural property in hopes that Council would protect these citizens and not zone them out of their present way of living.
- Mr. Langley Dinkins spoke to Council about the Zoning Ordinance. He asked Council to review previously written letters concerning rezoning practices within the ordinance. He also asked Council to be cautious with this ordinance.
- Mrs. Berg stated that with adoption of the new ordinance, please consider the staffing needs. She added that the ordinance would only be as good as it is enforced. She added that the Planning and Codes Departments need to be equipped with the appropriate manpower.
- Mr. Donnie Wellborne stated that the citizens appreciate what Council has to do, but please listen to what the citizens have to say when they come before Council.
- A young lady spoke to Council concerning wetlands and asked Council to be mindful of preserving these areas.
- Mr. Marshall Goodson stated that this ordinance is needed very much in this area. Sumter needs to project a better image for those coming to this County from other worldwide locations.
- Mrs. Collen Yates stated that she represents the FORUM and this group is in support of the new Comprehensive Plan and the Zoning Ordinance. She added that Sumter could look much better if City and County Councils adopted the guidelines in this proposed ordinance.
- Ms. Stephanie Wise spoke on behalf of the Sumter Soil and Water Conservation District. She stated that she recommended that the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to the Water, Land, and the Natural Resources of Sumter County be accepted as written. The removal and restriction of trees should be approved and followed. She ended her comments by stating that there should be restrictions on the conversion of Agricultural Property to Developmental Land.
- Ms. Annette Cooke stated that she is the Physical Activities Coordinator at the Life Styles and this company supports the Zoning Ordinance.
- Mr. Charles E. Fienning spoke in support of the Zoning Ordinance.

- Ms. Mary Crockett commended Council on its efforts to pass the Zoning Ordinance. She voiced her concern for Manchester State Forest and Poinsette State Forest.
- Mr. Joshua Knight spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. He stated that he is from Colorado and hopes that Sumter County would develop the Zoning requirements, which are similar to the Zoning requirements of Colorado. He added that if adopted and implemented the Zoning would make Sumter a more beautiful place to live.
- Mrs. Maree McAlister stated that the Chamber of Commerce supports positive change for the businesses and residents of Sumter County. Feedback from Chamber members strongly promotes a vision of a community with a positive appearance and an enhanced quality of life for all. She added that the Chamber is appreciative that Council is willing to listen to the people and their concerns about the proposed ordinance.
- Mr. Malcom Kudra stated that when you have undisciplined and unplanned growth without a vision and a comprehensive plan and enforcement of the plan, you have an ever increasing tax burden on every citizen. He added that there must be a more attractive approach to developing Sumter.
- Mr. Harvey Senter asked Council to continue to work together and be willing to re-address specific issues in the Zoning Ordinance dealing with development.

The Chairman then inquired if anyone wished to speak in opposition of the proposed ordinance. The following persons spoke in opposition of the ordinance.

- Mrs. Julie Coker stated that she represents Adams Outdoor Advertising and asked Council to consider grandfathering current billboards. She asked Council to consider revising Article Six of the proposed ordinance relating to on and off premise signs.
- Mr. Jim Fender stated that some of his concerns were answered earlier by Councilman Burr and Councilman Edens. He added that he is concerned about the way in which the Planning Commission operates, getting ahead of Council in its actions.
- Mr. Jeff Young stated that he is representing Concerned Merchants for the Economic Growth of Sumter. He added that the group represents the restaurant businesses, automobile dealerships, convenient stores, grocery stores, banks, and realtors/developers. The group, consisting of Scott Rumph, Keith Hamm, Joe Davis, Tom Woodrum, Bill Nock, and others. They feel that there must be changes made to the sign ordinance in order for these businesses to bring economic growth to this county. *(Council asked that this group meet with Council's Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the sign issue. Others were also encouraged to attend this meeting. A date would be set later and groups would be contacted concerning the meeting.)*
- Sena Secor stated that she grew up in the Providence Community of Sumter County and she is concerned that the new Zoning Ordinance will bring about too many restrictions on her family property.

- Representative E. B. McLeod stated that the rural areas seem to be the areas that are under attack in this proposed ordinance. He asked Council to be very careful as it moves toward granting approval of this ordinance.
- Mr. Lloyd stated that he is not in support of this ordinance. He said he fought this ordinance during the 1980's and will continue to fight against this ordinance.
- Mr. Charles Shannon stated that someone would have to pay for this plan. He asked how will the citizens afford to pay for this plan when the majority of the citizens make less than \$35,000 per year. He asked Council not to zone the working man out of his economic hopes.
- Mr. Gerald Hines stated that if a business needs a sign, then the County should not interfere with the business. He added that there are too many ordinances within the County.
- Mr. Al Donnaldson stated that he is not in support of the Zoning Ordinance as it is presently written. He added that he has developed a business on his property, but would not be able to sell his product based on how the ordinance is written.
- Mr. Nelson Bowman stated that while he was in the armed services of the United States he was taught to fight against communism. He stated that the implementation of this ordinance is communism and he will fight against communism.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Chairman reminded the public that an additional public hearing would be held on November 23, 1999, at the County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC in Council's Chambers. Council then took action on this matter under Land Use Matters and Rezoning Requests.

## NEW BUSINESS

- (1) A Resolution Commissioning Certain Staff Members Of The Building Inspection And Codes Enforcement Departments Of The Sumter City-County Planning Commission As County Constables For The County Of Sumter, South Carolina.

The Chairman introduced this proposed resolution to Council for action. He stated that the resolution would commission Montrez Lines White and Carl R. Schmalhorst as Sumter County Constables. The Chairman then asked Council for a motion on this resolution.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to adopt the resolution and the commissioning as presented and directed the Chairman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County.

- (2) A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of A Lease Purchase Agreement Between Sumter County (The County) And Centura Bank (The Bank) for the Purpose of Acquiring Lights At Dillon Park for Use by the Sumter County Recreation Department.

The Chairman presented the proposed resolution to Council. He stated that the resolution would allow for the County to have a lease purchase agreement with Centura Bank acquiring lights for the Dillon Park Recreation area of Sumter County.

Council then took action on this resolution.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Burr, seconded by Vice Chairman Fleming, and unanimously carried by Council to adopt the resolution as presented and directed the Chairman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County.

- (3) A Resolution Abandoning The County's Interest In and Discontinuing The Maintenance Of Certain Roads and Right Of Ways In Sumter County, South Carolina.

The Chairman presented the proposed resolution to Council. He stated that resolution would allow for the County to abandon its interest in and discontinue the maintenance of the following roads located in Sumter County

- Forestry Drive (State Road S-43-254)
- A Portion of Old Highway 76 (State Road S-43-369)
- Wannetta Court (Tax Map 31) off of David Alston Road
- A Portion of Gordon Street (Tax Map 251-09) Runs from Wilder Street to Weatherly Street.

Council then took action on this resolution.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to adopt the resolution as presented and directed the Chairman and the Clerk to execute and deliver the resolution on behalf of the County.

- (1) 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; please see notes below.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (1) Public Safety Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room (Committee Members: Fleming, Edens, and Singleton)

The Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, Vice Chairman Fleming, recommended that Council enters an executive session to discuss a contractual matter at the end of Council's meeting.

- (2) Public Works Committee Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in County Council's Conference Room (Committee Members: Edens, Williams, and Singleton)

The Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Councilman Edens, gave the following report and recommendations.

- **Abandoning Certain Streets In Sumter County:** This report was given during New Business.
- **Beech Creek Area's Historical Monument:** It was recommended that the Public Works Department of Sumter County be allowed to provide additional assistance consisting of two loads of crusher run for this monument to make the road passable for tour.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of this recommendation as presented.

(3) Fiscal, Tax, and Property Meeting Tuesday, November 9, 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.

- **Dillon Park Lights Lease Agreement:** This was handled under New Business.
- **Community Inter-racial Worship Service:** It was recommended that the County allow the Exhibition Center to be rented for \$300 for the annual Community Inter-racial Worship Services on February 6, 2000.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Singleton, and unanimously carried by Council to grant approval of this recommendation as presented.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

- The Gazette, Volume I
- Proposed Smart Growth Bill

#### INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No Comments

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Ms. Judith Tile**, representing the League of Women Voters, invited Council to a public forum at Central Carolina Technical College on November 15, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. in room 401.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Prior to entering executive session, the Chairman stated that he would entertain a motion to enter executive session for discussions of 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. At the conclusion of executive session, Council re-entered open session.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Singleton and seconded by Vice Chairman Fleming that Sumter County acquire an option, exercisable within 120 days from the execution therefor, to purchase that certain parcel of land located in Sumter County, South Carolina for the sum of \$1,100 per acre. Councilmen Singleton and Fleming and Councilwoman Sanders voted in the affirmative. Councilmen Burr, Edens, and Campbell voted in opposition. Councilman Williams abstained. The motion did not carry.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman or Vice Chairman  
Sumter County Council

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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: Agenda posted on bulletin board outside the County Administrator's office and bulletin board on the first floor of the Administration Building.
- Date Posted: November 4, 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. Also, E-Mail notification was sent to Sumter County's Home Page, WIBZ, The Item, The Chamber, Time Warner Cable.
- Date Notified: November 4, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary W. Lewis