

**COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:55 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Debbie Summers, Chairman	James E. Kinard, Jr., V Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick	George H. Smokey Davis
Bobby C. Keisler	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
John W. Carrigg, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy County Administrator; Larry Porth, Finance Director/Assistant County Administrator; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, and posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

**Lexington County Green Business Certification Program (Goal 2) - Solid Waste Management and Public Works - Megan Weidner, Recycling Coordinator and Synithia Williams, Environmental Coordinator** - Ms. Weidner and Ms. Williams presented a request for a proposed certification program for the Lexington County Green Business Certification Program. The program directly correlates to the County's strategic environmental goals. A Power-point presentation highlighted the program's objective to encourage local businesses to contribute to the preservation of South Carolina's natural resources by implementing the following goals; 1) reducing waste and recycling, 2) conserving water, 3) being energy efficient, and 4) enhancing air quality. In addition to the certification program, staff also presented a request to create a Lexington County Green Team for the County. The County Green Team will serve as an example to the citizens by reaching our own environmental goals.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Jeffcoat to recommend to full Council to approve staff's request for the proposed Lexington County Green Business Certification Program and creation of the Lexington County Green Team.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

**New Business - Beautification Project - Debbie Summers** - Ms. Summers reported on a collaborative effort by the towns of Cayce, Springdale, West Columbia, the City of Columbia, Lexington County, and possibly Richland County, for the beautification of Knox Abbott

Drive/Airport Boulevard into Columbia. The Airport Commission is supporting this effort and Senator Lindsey Graham's office is researching possible funds for the project. For information only, no action taken.

**Old Business/New Business - Tax Installment Payments, Local Contractors Procurement Incentives** - None.

**Possible Executive Session if Time Permits** - A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss 1 personnel, 8 contractual and 3 legal matters.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Summers reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee  
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Debbie Summers  
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett  
Clerk