

COMMITTEE of the WHOLE COMMITTEE
JULY 27, 2010

The Committee of the Whole met on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 3:15 p.m. Mr. Kinard, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members Attending:

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

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, 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.

HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Memorandum of Understanding (Goal 2) - Central Midlands Council of Governments - Norman Whitaker, Executive Director - Mr. Whitaker presented a request for Lexington County to participate in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program. He reported that HUD, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other federal agencies have put together a program called Livable Communities - the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Program. Mr. Whitaker said they are currently offering \$100 million in competitive planning grants to regional consortiums of local governments. The funds will pay for preparation of regional comprehensive plans that address transportation needs, housing, economic development, energy, and water quality. The deadline to submit the grant application to HUD is August 23. One of the rules for the grant require a consortium to consist of the Central Midlands Council of Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City of Columbia, a non-profit entity from the region, and enough additional counties, towns and cities to comprise of at least 50 percent of the regional population. Mr. Whitaker said the proposed consortium would consist of Central Midlands Council of Governments, Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Columbia, the South Carolina Urban Land Institute which is a non-profit entity, and other local governments. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between all participants in the proposed consortium must be submitted with the grant application. The Committee asked if there is a match required for this grant. Mr. Whitaker replied they are not using the term "match" but the term "leverage" because it does not have to be the traditional local cash match but can be other federal grants. The leverage is a 20 percent minimum and the COG is not asking local governments to provide funding toward this project. Mr. Whitaker said they would work with existing COG grants and staff's time to provide the minimum leverage. Local governments will be asked to be involved in working on the plan by providing GIS or Planning assistance. If the grant is approved, they will have 120 days to put together a legal agreement that says the communities will work together on the plan with details on how the funds will be utilized. The COG is asking Lexington County to participate in the consortium with the COG, the South Carolina Urban Land Institute, Richland County, the City of Columbia, and other member governments in pursuing this grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve Memorandum of Understanding for Lexington County to participate in the proposed consortium to assist in pursuing the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

The vote was in favor. Messrs. Davis, Banning, and Cullum were not present at the time the vote was taken.

New Business - Health Insurance Committee - Committee Chairman Jim Kinard reported that the Human Resources Department will be forming a committee to research health insurance costs and in the past has had at least one member of Council serve on the committee. Ms. Summers and Mr. Jeffcoat agreed to serve on the Health Insurance Committee.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of May 11, May 25, June 15, and June 22, 2010 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to approve the May 11, May 25, June 15, and June 22, 2010 minutes as submitted.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Possible Executive Session if Time Permits - Executive Session/Legal Briefing - A motion was made by Mr. Jeffcoat, seconded by Mr. Banning to go into Executive Session to discuss eight contractual and 13 legal matters.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Carrigg was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Mr. Kinard reconvened the meeting in open session with no motions to be considered.

Old Business/New Business - Local Contractors Procurement, Fire Service Volunteer Incentives - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

James E. Kinard, Jr.
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk