

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2008**

The Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman	William B. Banning, Sr., V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	Johnny W. Jeffcoat
M. Todd Cullum	William C. Billy Derrick

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.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session for a legal briefing.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Davis reconvened the meeting in open session and reported there were no motions to be considered.

Economic Development Strategic Plan Presentation (Goal 2) - Strategic Development Group - Mark Williams, President

– Mr. Williams of the Strategic Development Group reported that his firm was retained by Lexington County, with assistance from Palmetto Economic Development Corporation, to interview key County planning participants, develop a strategic plan and conduct an assessment of County industrial properties. As a result, Mr. Williams presented a proposed Economic Development Strategic Plan outlining the following key goals: Goal One – Expansion and Retention of Existing Industry, Goal Two – Industrial Product Development, and Goal Three – Marketing and Recruitment and presented a brief overview of the goals. Mr. Davis requested the Committee to study the plan for discussion and approval at the next meeting on April 8, 2008. For information only, no action taken.

Executive Session/Legal Briefing – A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Davis reconvened the meeting in open session and reported there was one motion to be considered.

Project Ironside - Economic Development - Tracy McMillin, Project Manager, Central SC Alliance - A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend to full Council to approve first reading by title of an ordinance for an agreement between Lexington County and Project Ironside.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of February 12, 2008 - A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the February 12, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business – None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk