

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2007**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday June 12, 2007 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 2:25 p.m. Mr. Jeffcoat, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman	Debra B. Debbie Summers
John W. Carrigg, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.
William C. Billy Derrick	

Absent:

George H. Smokey Davis, V Chairman*

*Mr. Davis was not present due to a conflict with his schedule.

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.

Zoning Map Amendment M07-03 - 1605 Bush River Road and Adjoining Parcel, Columbia - 2nd Reading – A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend that full Council proceed with second reading of Zoning Map Amendment M07-03.

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

Zoning Map Amendment M07-04 - 1000 feet of North Woodside Parkway, West Columbia - 2nd Reading – The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend denial of request to change from current zoning classification of (R1) Low Density Residential to (C2) General Commercial.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Carrigg to recommend that full Council deny second reading of Zoning Map Amendment M07-04.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

City of West Columbia - CDBG Request - Community Development - Ronald Scott, Director – The City of West Columbia has submitted a request to spend funds on the Triangle City Parking Improvements Project prior to execution of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sub-recipient agreement between the County and the City. Council voted on March 27, 2007 to approve \$203,250 from the FY 2007-08 CDGB Program to fund this improvement. The City plans to use its own funds and request reimbursement later from the County's CDBG Program. Pre-award expenditures are allowed in the CDBG Program regulations to allow projects to begin as soon as possible so that they may be completed in a timely manner. Donna Smith, with the City of Columbia, informed the Committee that they would not be paying for any work until after July 1 but needed Council's permission before committing to any necessary environmental reviews and legal documents estimated to be less than \$1,000. The Committee indicated that the County would not be responsible if the project expenses went over the \$203,250 approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend that Council approve the request from the City of West Columbia to conduct any necessary environmental reviews and to prepare and record the necessary legal documents prior to July 1 allocation of the \$203,250 that was approved in this year's FY2007-08 CDBG program to fund the Triangle City Project in West Columbia. The approximate expenditure is \$1,000 or less.

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

Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program Application (Goal 1) - Planning & GIS - Charlie Compton, Director – Mr. Compton reported that Lexington County is one of eleven locations nationwide to have the opportunity to apply for the FY2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program of up to \$500,000 to enhance the County's Pictometry system. This program seeks to "assist state and local jurisdictions in improving the criminal justice system and assist communities in preventing drug abuse and crime." The only commitment to this process would be to designate an employee to provide them with crime statistics from our jurisdiction. Deadline for applications is 8:00 p.m. EST on June 25, 2007.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council that staff move forward with submittal of the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program application.

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

Impact Fee (Goals 2,3) - Corley Mill Fire Station - Planning & GIS - Charlie Compton, Director – Item postponed until next meeting.

Approval of Minutes - Meetings of April 24 and May 8, 2007 – A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve the minutes for April 24 and May 8, 2007 as submitted.

Old Business/New Business – Abandoned Mobile Homes – Mr. Keisler addressed the issue of abandoned mobile homes in the Red Bank community. It was requested that Community Development staff report back with a number for abandoned mobile homes in the County. The Committee suggested creating a program called the "Good Neighbor Policy." Staff to work on ideas for this program and return to Committee with information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Johnny W. Jeffcoat
Chairman

Diana Burnett
Clerk