

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee V Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, V Chairman
John W. Carrigg, Jr.
William C. Billy Derrick

Debra B. Debbie Summers
William B. Banning, Sr.

Absent:

Johnny W. Jeffcoat, Chairman

Mr. Jeffcoat was absent due to a funeral.

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.

Zoning Map Amendment M08-07 - White Water Drive, Portion of Rocky Ramp Drive, and Launch Court - 2nd Reading - Mr. Walt McPherson, Zoning Administrator, presented Zoning Map Amendment M08-07. He reported that the Planning Commission met on October 23, 2008 and voted to deny the request by 7-0 due to concerns that the applicant did not involve the primary property owner along White Water Drive in the request. The Committee discussed Zoning Text Amendment T08-06 and how the changes in procedures applied to this situation on who may request map or text amendments. Mr. Bruce Hiller reported that the applicant, not the property owner, did submit a letter of agency with the application. Staff requested to return to Committee on December 9th since the area falls in Councilman Jeffcoat's district and Mr. Jeffcoat was not present for discussion. No action taken.

Zoning Map Amendment M08-08 - Three Oak Lane and Water Oak Trail - 2nd Reading Mr. Walt McPherson, Zoning Administrator, presented Zoning Map Amendment M08-08. He reported that the Planning Commission met on October 23, 2008 and voted to deny the request by 7-0 due to concerns because the applicant did not involve the property owner at the end of Water Oak Trail in the request. Staff requested to return to Committee on December 9th since the area falls in Councilman Jeffcoat's district and Mr. Jeffcoat was not present for discussion.

Mr. Banning made a motion. No second was received: therefore no motion to be considered.

Zoning Map Amendment M08-10 - Parcels Between Lincreek Drive and Lake Murray Boulevard - 2nd Reading - Mr. Walt McPherson, Zoning Administrator presented Zoning Map Amendment M08-10. He reported that the Planning Commission was in favor of the request by a 7-0 vote to recommend approval of a zoning classification for General Commercial (C2) in lieu of the requested Intensive Development (ID). The applicant is requesting to develop an office complex and there are concerns about the road access for emergency service vehicles. Staff requested to delay decision until negotiations are complete. No action taken.

Dress Code Policy Draft - Human Resources - Lori Adler, Director - Ms. Adler presented staff recommendations of a draft for a proposed County Dress Code Policy. She said that this was due to trending towards unprofessional dress within the County, i.e., T-shirts with inappropriate print material, tight or revealing clothing, saggy or holey jeans, and too casual Fridays. It was noted that the County does not have a “casual Friday” policy. By direction of the County Administrator, a focus group of department heads was formed to address these issues and develop a draft policy. The following issues were discussed; jeans, tattoos and body piercings, socks, pierced ears, and sandals. The Committee’s recommendations; adopt a standard dress code, jeans acceptable for “non-office” work environment, add a standard four inch sleeve for T-shirts, remove socks from the list, limit pierced ears to two earrings per ear, and authorize the Administrator to make exceptions as deemed appropriate. Staff was requested to amend the proposed dress code policy and return to the December 9th meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council that there be no casual Fridays but at the discretion of the County Administrator or the Employee Committee (with the County Administrator’s approval), to designate one day a year as a casual day.

An amendment to the motion was made by Mr. Banning that there be no casual dress days. No second was received. Therefore, there was no amendment to the motion.

Mr. Derrick withdrew his second; therefore, the motion died.

Ms. Summers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council that there be no casual dress days while professionals are working for the citizens of Lexington County except as authorized by the County Administrator.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes - Meeting of October 14, 2008 - A motion was made by Ms. Summers, seconded by Mr. Banning to approve the October 14, 2008 minutes as submitted.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Old Business/New Business - Land Use Growth, Landscape Ordinance - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

George H. Smokey Davis
V Chairman

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk