PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES MARCH 24, 2009

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building beginning at 1:25 p.m. Mr. Davis, Committee Chairman presided.

Members Attending:

George H. Smokey Davis, Chairman
William C. Billy Derrick
M. Todd Cullum

John W. Carrigg, Jr., V Chairman
William B. Banning, Sr.
Debra B. Debbie Summers

Also attending: Katherine Hubbard, County Administrator; Joe Mergo, Deputy 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.

FY 2009-10 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and FY 2009-10 HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program (Goals 1,2,3) - Community Development - Ronald Scott, Director - Mr. Scott presented the proposed recommendations for the FY 2009-10 funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs. He said all the requests were meticulously reviewed and evaluated by the Grant Programs Advisory Committee and Community Development staff to determine eligibility. The projects recommended reflect a wide range of eligible projects and good coverage area for the County. They also offer excellent opportunities to provide services to the low and median income citizens in areas within the County. Mr. Scott reported that over the last eight to nine fiscal years Lexington County has received over \$10 million in CDBG funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Cullum, seconded by Mr. Derrick to recommend to full Council to approve staff's proposed recommendations for the FY 2009-10 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Programs.

Mr. Derrick asked what has been found out about the stimulus package and the items that would fall under the purview of Community Development - would money be available to Lexington County for those items. Mr. Scott replied there would be \$385,000 in additional CDBG funds through the stimulus bill and nearly \$588,000 for a homeless prevention fund administered under the CDBG formula. He also said that as a result of some of the discussions in Congress about the stimulus bill, the Federal Appropriations Bill had not been approved until a week ago, so the County will see an increase above what was presented today. Mr. Scott reported that an amendment to last year's plan will be presented to Council

due to the stimulus funds.

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

Dress Code Policy - Human Resources - Lori Adler, Director - Ms. Adler presented a proposed draft for the Dress Code Policy for Lexington County employees. The proposed policy would be a guideline for managers and employees in projecting a professional image for the County. Ms. Adler reviewed the areas of most concern such as jeans, t-shirts, and casual days. Inappropriate tattoos, radically colored hair styles, and face piercings that are distracting are not considered professional attire and will be addressed by the County Administrator. The policy includes provisions for the Human Resources Director or the County Administrator to grant special exceptions when employees may need to dress based on a special project and the nature of the work being performed.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve staff's recommendations for the proposed Dress Code Policy.

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

Zoning Map Amendment M09-01 - North Lake Drive - 2nd Reading - Community Development - Bruce Hiller, Development Administrator - Mr. Hiller presented Zoning Map Amendment M09-01. The request is to change the zoning classification from the current D or Development to a LC or Limited Commercial so the applicant can build a dental office at 2468 North Lake Drive. The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to recommend approval of the request. It was noted that the applicant does not own the property listed.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Ms. Summers to recommend to full Council to approve 2nd reading of Zoning Map Amendment M09-01.

The request area falls in Councilman Jeffcoat's district. He said he has received a lot of calls and over 130 signatures from citizens in the area against the zoning request. Mr. Jeffcoat is requesting Council to support the citizens' request and deny the zoning request.

Mr. Derrick withdrew the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Carrigg, seconded by Mr. Banning to recommend to full Council to deny 2nd reading of Zoning Map Amendment M09-01.

In Favor: Mr. Carrigg Mr. Derrick

Mr. Banning Mr. Cullum

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Opposed: Mr. Davis Ms. Summers

The motion passed.

Old Business/New Business - Land Use Growth, Private Roads/Commercial Usage - 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