



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND SC. 29936

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 16, 2012, 7:00 P.M.
MEETING - MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, VICE CHAIRMAN MARTIN SAULS IV, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB, HR DIRECTOR GLORIA LUCAS, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JOHNNY DAVIS, DETENTION CENTER DIRECTOR ARTHUR BENJAMIN, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DALE TERRY

STAFF ABSENT: DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR RHONDA MITCHELL, ROD PATSYE GREEN, IT DIRECTOR EARL BOSTICK, JR., CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR HERMAN SMITH, BUSINESS LICENSE DIRECTOR RENTY KITTY, ASSESSOR SUSAN WAITE, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES THE 3/26/2012 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING, 04/02/2012 COUNCIL MEETING - COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF 3/26/2012 ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING FOR INFORMATION AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 3/05/12 WITH ANY NECESSARY CHANGES IF ANY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 4/2/12 REFLECT THAT HE ASKED IF THE UNITED WAY PROJECT WAS

UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE UNITED WAY THAT MS. COLLINS WORKED WITH AND MS. BRIGGS RESPONDED THAT IT WAS. THE CLERK MADE THE CHANGE.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION - BARBARA JOHNSON – PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BEAUFORT COUNTY LOWCOUNTRY REGIONAL HOME CONSORTIUM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – MS. JOHNSON REVIEWED THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THEY HAD TO WORK WITH AND THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT WERE PROPOSED FOR FUNDING. MS. JOHNSON SAID THAT THE ACTIVITIES SUPPORT THE LCRHC'S MAIN OBJECTIVE TO PROVIDE SAFE, DECENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL GROUPS IDENTIFIED IN NEED OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE. MS. JOHNSON ASKED EVERYONE PRESENT TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE FUNDING IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. MS. JOHNSON SAID THAT IT WAS AND THAT LCOG ADMINISTERS THE PLAN. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE \$83,604 IS PROVIDED BY JASPER COUNTY OR IS IT FROM ALL FOUR COUNTIES. MS. JOHNSON SAID EACH OF THE COUNTIES PROVIDES A PROPORTIONAL AMOUNT; JASPER COUNTY GAVE \$8.609. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE COUNCIL HAD TO VOTE ON THIS SINCE THEY DID NOT RECEIVE THE FIGURES PRIOR TO THE MEETING. MS. JOHNSON SAID NO VOTE WAS NECESSARY, AS THIS IS ONLY A PUBLIC HEARING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS AND MS. JOHNSON REVIEWED THE VARIOUS QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO GET OUT TO THE PEOPLE AND HE HOPED THAT IT WAS NOT GOING TO RELATIVES AND THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO GO OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES AND THE CHURCHES. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THERE ARE PEOPLE IN JASPER COUNTY THAT HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THIS PROGRAM. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THIS PROGRAM IS NOT NEW TO THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SERVE ON THIS BOARD.

ORDINANCES – ANDREW FULGHUM –PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE FRAMPTON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE FRAMPTON TRACT CONSISTED OF 181 ACRES AND IS LOCATED IN POINT SOUTH. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ORIGINAL DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT EXPIRES IN 2012 AND THE DEVELOPER IS REQUESTING THAT IT BE RENEWED FOR FIVE MORE YEARS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SCHEDULE A OF THE ORDINANCE NOTES ALL IMPROVEMENTS MADE OR DEVELOPED MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE FRAMPTON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS - DALE TERRY – RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY – MR. TERRY REQUESTED APPROVAL TO SELL THE SEVEN ITEMS LISTED AND ATTACHED TO THE RESOLUTION. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THESE ITEMS GO OUT FOR BID. MR. TERRY SAID HE WILL LIST THEM ON GOV.DEALS.COM. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THE MONEY RECEIVED TO PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR HAS REQUESTED THAT THE FUNDS GO INTO HIS BUDGET FOR MORE EQUIPMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE

ASKED IF THE MONEY SHOULD GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ALL SALES GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND THEN THE COUNCIL CAN BUDGET THE REVENUE IN THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT STIPULATE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FUND AND FUNDS GO INTO THE GENERAL FUND. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE MONEY GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND THEN HOW DOES MR. DALEY GET HIS MONEY. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT IT GOES INTO THE GENERAL FUND AND IT CAN BE FIGURED INTO THE NEW BUDGET. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IT COULD BE INCLUDED IN HIS EQUIPMENT LINE IN THE NEW BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS - WILBUR DALEY – PRESENTATION OF MATERIAL COSTS FOR FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION- MR. DALEY SAID THAT HE ATTENDED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AND HE WAS TOLD TO GET THE PRICE FOR MATERIALS ONLY. MR. DALEY SAID HE PROVIDED A PRICE FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR ON MARCH 28, 2012. MR. DALEY SAID HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION BY APRIL 18, 2012, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION READY FOR THIS MEETING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE HOPED THERE WAS NOT A LACK OF COMMUNICATION BECAUSE THIS TOPIC HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR OVER A YEAR FOR MR. DALEY TO GET A PRICE AND THE COUNCIL ASKED FOR A PRICE FOR MATERIALS AND VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD THE STATION. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS ON VACATION LAST WEEK, BUT WOULD HAVE THE INFORMATION ON APRIL 18, 2012 AT NOON. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF MR. DALEY HAD AN ASSISTANT AND IF HE COULD NOT DO IT WHY HE DID NOT HAVE HIS ASSISTANT DO IT SINCE THIS WAS IMPORTANT TO THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WILL CHECK WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR AT NOON ON APRIL 18, 2012 TO SEE IF HE HAS RECEIVED THE PRICES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT THIS WAS TALKED ABOUT AT THE RETREAT AND IT IS LISTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 28, 2012. MR. DALEY SAID HE HAD A PRICE FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL HANDED IN TO THE DR. HOOD ON MARCH 28, 2012 AND THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING AS TO WHAT HE WAS TO PROVIDE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHO GAVE MR. DALEY THE INCORRECT INFORMATION.

NEW BUSINESS -RONNIE MALPHRUS – UPDATE ON CHERRY POINT FIRE MILLAGE – MR. MALPHRUS WAS NOT PRESENT AND MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE INFORMATION. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HOPED TO GIVE A BROAD OVERVIEW OF THE BUDGET, BUT HE WILL NOT HAVE THE BUDGET READY FOR COUNCIL ON APRIL 18, 2012 SINCE MR. MALPHRUS WILL IS OUT THE REST OF THE WEEK. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR TOLD THE ADMINISTRATOR THAT MR. MALPHRUS'S INSERT HAD THE TITLE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR AND HIS TITLE WAS CHANGED TO DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND HE NEEDS TO CHANGE IT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WILL HAVE MR. MALPHRUS CHANGE IT WHEN HE RETURNS TO WORK.

LISA LAMB – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN- MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE 1994 ENABLING LEGISLATION OF 1994 FOR SOUTH CAROLINA REQUIRES THAT THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EVERY FIVE YEARS TO DETERMINE CHANGES AND IF AN UPDATE IS NEEDED. MS. LAMB SAID THE COUNTY MUST UPDATE IT 'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN EVERY 10 YEARS, HOWEVER, MS. LAMB SAID THAT THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION FEEL THAT AN UPDATE MAY BE NEEDED NOW DUE TO THE MANY CHANGES THAT HAVE

HAPPENED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN JASPER COUNTY. MS. LAMB PROVIDED TWO QUOTES FOR THE REVIEW FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES. THE QUOTES WERE FROM LCOG (\$5,200) AND THOMAS AND HUTTON ENGINEERING CO. (\$5,950). MS. LAMB SAID THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVING THE QUOTE FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON SINCE THEY HAVE WORKED SO CLOSELY WITH THE COUNTY IN PLAN REVIEWS AND ENGINEERING PROJECTS. MS. LAMB SAID ONCE THE SCOPE OF WORK IS COMPLETED, THOMAS AND HUTTON WILL PROVIDE THE COST OF UPDATING THE PLAN. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID LCOG GAVE A PRICE FOR THE REVIEW AND UPDATE AND BEFORE HE COULD MAKE A DECISION, HE WOULD NEED TO KNOW WHAT THOMAS AND HUTTON WOULD CHARGE FOR BOTH. MS. LAMB SAID THOMAS AND HUTTON WANTS TO KNOW THE SCOPE OF THE WORK BEFORE THEY GIVE A PRICE TO DO THE UPDATE AND THEY WILL NOT KNOW THE SCOPE OF THE WORK UNTIL AFTER THE REVIEW IS COMPLETE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THOMAS AND HUTTON HAD A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT FOR BOTH AND MS. LAMB SAID THEY DID NOT PROVIDE ONE. MS. LAMB SAID SHE REQUESTED ONE, BUT THOMAS AND HUTTON DID NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE PROVIDING ONE AT THIS TIME. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED HOW COULD LCOG PROVIDE ONE AND MS. LAMB SAID THAT LCOG HAS DONE THIS BEFORE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID BEFORE HE CAN VOTE ON THIS HE WOULD NEED A TO NOT EXCEED AMOUNT FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE \$5,950 WAS A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THE REVIEW IS REQUIRED AND IT IS PAST DUE BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE OVER IN STAFF, BUT THE UPDATE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE DONE YET. MR. FULGHUM SAID IF THOMAS AND HUTTON DOES THE UPDATE IT WILL BE MORE THAN THE \$5,950. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WANTS TO KNOW THE AMOUNT FOR THE UPDATE BEFORE HE VOTES. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THAT LCOG CAN PROVIDE AN AMOUNT AND THOMAS AND HUTTON SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE STAFF CAN DO THE WORK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS IS PROFESSIONAL PLANNING WORK AND MS. LAMB CAN TALK TO THOMAS AND HUTTON AND THEY CAN BRING THIS BACK TO COUNCIL AT THE BUDGET WORKSHOP/MEETING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE A DECISION ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW UNTIL THE BUDGET WORKSHOP/MEETING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID, OF COURSE, THOMAS AND HUTTON ARE MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE COUNTY SINCE EVERY MONTH THE COUNCIL VOTES ON A CONTRACT FOR THOMAS AND HUTTON. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE COUNTY NEEDS TO START HIRING SOMEONE ELSE AND IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THAT EVERYTHING IS GIVEN TO THOMAS AND HUTTON. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING CALLS FROM TAXPAYERS CONCERNING THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR TAXES. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT THE TAXPAYERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING LETTERS STATING THAT IF THEY DON'T PAY BY THE 15TH, THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PAY INSTALLMENTS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THIS IS NOT THE WAY THE ORDINANCE IS WRITTEN AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE ORDINANCE STATES THE CITIZENS CAN PAY WHENEVER AND WHATEVER THEY WANT UNTIL OCTOBER AND THEN THEY HAVE TO PAY THE BALANCE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THE ATTORNEY TO CONTACT THE TREASURER. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT THIS IS THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR AND OBVIOUSLY THE STAFF DID NOT FOLLOW UP. ATTORNEY JONES ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE LETTER AND HE WILL FOLLOW UP ON IT.

VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ANNOUNCED THAT THE JASPER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD BE HOSTING AWARDS DAY ON APRIL 21 2012 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE MARENE PLANTATION. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FISH FRY WOULD BE HELD AT THE FARMERS MARKET ON APRIL 21, 2012; AND THERE WILL BE A DEMOCRATIC PARTY SPONSORED DEBATE ON APRIL 28TH AT A.C.E. CHAIRMAN SAULS ANNOUNCED THAT ON APRIL 21, 2012 THERE WOULD BE A GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION AT THE HOME FOR BOYS ON CAL CAUSEWAY ROAD. CHAIRMAN SAULS REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE IVY GARDEN CLUB WOULD BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL EVENT ON APRIL 28, 2012 AND THAT MAYOR BOSTICK'S BIKE RIDE FOR DIABETES WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2012. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CHECK THEIR CALENDAR TO SEE IF THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TOUR THE COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS ON APRIL 24, 2012 AT 1:00 P.M. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO MOVE JASPER COUNTY FORWARD AND THEY WILL TRY TO DELIVER THE BEST THAT THEY CAN FOR JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE PORT AND ASKED THE CITIZENS FOR HELP IN PUSHING THE PORT IN JASPER COUNTY AS IT WILL NOT ONLY BE GOOD FOR JASPER COUNTY, IT WILL ALSO BRING REGIONAL JOBS, REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT AND KEEP COSTS DOWN. CHAIRMAN GREGORY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE STATE DEMANDED THAT STATE EMPLOYEES GET A 2% RAISE AND THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES HAVE NOT HAD A RAISE IN 6-7 YEARS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE COUNCIL IS DOING THE BEST THEY CAN AND THE COUNCIL IS ALSO WORKING WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES ON SOME ITEMS FOR RECREATION.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A WRITTEN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT AND A PROGRESS REPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE REQUESTED THE STANDARD OPERATIONS POLICY FROM THE SHERIFF AND HE SHOULD HAVE IT SOON. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADDED THAT THE COUNCIL DOES NOT CONTROL WHO THEY HIRE OR FIRE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE ONLY CONTROL THE COUNCIL HAS OVER THE ELECTED OFFICIALS IS THEIR BUDGET. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON COMMENTED THAT THE ELECTED OFFICIALS CANNOT OPERATE THEIR OFFICES IF THEY ARE NOT FUNDED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WAS WORKING WITH THE POINT SOUTH GROUP AND MR. JIROUSEK REGARDING A DETAILED FINANCIAL STUDY AND HE WAS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PAY FOR THE STUDY. MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE SAVANNAH HARBOR EXPANSION PROJECT AND THE JASPER OCEAN TERMINAL. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS INTRODUCED THAT ESSENTIALLY CONTESTS THE VALIDITY OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA WHICH ESTABLISHES THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE JPO AND ASSERTS THAT THE SAVANNAH RIVER MARITIME COMMISSION AS THE ONLY BODY AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE US CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE SAVANNAH RIVER AND DREDGING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE RESOLUTION ALSO RAISES CONSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS WITH THE ISSUE THAT THE JPO IS OBLIGATED TO SPEND STATE FUNDS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE RESOLUTION REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE SC DELEGATION ON THE JPO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE ACTION REQUIRING SUCH EXPENDITURES, APPROPRIATION, ALLOCATIONS OR APPROVAL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE NEXT DAY; THE GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY RELEASED THE FINAL

VERSION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE SAVANNAH HARBOR EXPANSION PROJECT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE CONTACTED SENATOR PINCKNEY AND MR. BILL BETHEA REGARDING THESE MATTERS. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT MR. MIKE MIXEN AND MR. DAVID PINEGAR ARE MEMBERS OF THE RADIO FLYERS CLUB OF JASPER COUNTY AND THEY WERE REQUESTING THAT THE CLUB BE ALLOWED TO USE AN UNUSED PORTION OF THE CYPRESS RIDGE INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR FLYING MODEL AIRPLANES. MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED A MAP THAT SHOWED THE LOCATION THE CLUB WOULD LIKE TO USE IN THE PARK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CLUB HAS 30 MEMBERS RANGING IN AGE FROM 15-84. MR. PINEGAR TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE AMA RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING INSURANCE TO PROTECT THE SITE OWNERS FROM POTENTIAL LIABILITY AND THE RADIO FLYERS CLUB OF JASPER COUNTY IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUCH INSURANCE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE AREA IS NOT PART OF THE AREA INCLUDED IN AN ARRANGEMENT WITH MR. D. P. LOWTHER. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE COUNCIL TO LET THE STAFF KNOW IF THEY WERE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS FURTHER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY WOULD MAINTAIN THE AREA. MR. PINEGAR SAID THAT THEY WOULD PROMOTE SAFETY AND MOW THE GRASS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY HAD EVENTS FOR THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND. MR. PINEGAR SAID THAT CURRENTLY THEY DO NOT HAVE A PLACE TO DO THAT, BUT THEY DO HOLD EVENTS TO TEACH SAFETY AND PROMOTE THEIR HOBBY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY WOULD PROVIDE INSURANCE SO THE COUNTY IS NOT LIABLE. MR. PINEGAR SAID THEY WOULD. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WOULD BE ABLE TO COME TO THE EVENTS. MR. PINEGAR SAID THEY WOULD PROMOTE THIS HOBBY TO THE CHILDREN. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THE ATTORNEY IF THIS IS SOMETHING THE COUNTY SHOULD DO. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LAND REQUESTED IS CURRENTLY NOT BEING USED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE COUNTY WOULD NOT BE LEASING THE GROUND SINCE IT IS FOR SALE AND IF SOLD THEY COULD NO LONGER USE THE PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED FOR THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY. MR. FULGHUM POINTED TO THE LOCATION INDICATED ON THE MAP. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHO CUTS THE GRASS NOW AND MR. TERRY SAID PUBLIC WORKS DOES THE MOWING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THEY CHARGE ANYTHING. MR. PINEGAR SAID THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY OF AERONAUTICS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THEN THERE WOULD BE NO MONEY IN THIS DEAL FOR THE COUNTY. MR. PINEGAR SAID THEY REQUESTED TO LEASE OR USE THE PROPERTY AND THEY WOULD BE GOOD STEWARDS OF THE PROPERTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID IF THEY WANTED TO MOVE FORWARD, HE WOULD WORK WITH THE ATTORNEY ON THE AGREEMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK ON THE PACKAGE AND BRING IT BACK TO COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO ALLOW THIS USE.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC –PER ORDINANCE 08-17- ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. (TOTAL PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES). NONE

ADJOURN – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

APPROVED BY:

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN