



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
AUGUST 9, 2011, 3:15 P.M.
MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE, COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY

STAFF PRESENT: ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR, JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL; DAVID JIROUSEK- PLANNING DIRECTOR; RENTY KITTY, BUSINESS LICENSE & SIGNS COORDINATOR; DALE TERRY- ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR

OTHERS PRESENT: STEVE MURPHY – SOLICITOR’S OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER- COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:15 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – RENTY KITTY GAVE THE INVOCATION

MONTHLY REPORTS

UPDATE – GRAYS SCHOOL – MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT HE WAS WAITING ON A REPORT CONCERNING THE ASBESTOS RESULTS. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WENT THROUGH THE SCHOOL AND TOOK SAMPLES FOR THE TILE, WALLS, PIPES AND SHINGLES. MR. TERRY SAID THE MAIN CONCERN WAS THE BLACK GLUE USED ON THE TILE AND THE GLUE USED FOR THE CHALK BOARDS. MR. TERRY SAID IF THERE WAS A SMALL AMOUNT OF ASBESTOS THEN THEY MAY BE ABLE TO JUST TEAR IT DOWN. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO TRY AND SAVE THE BRICKS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT SAVING THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. MR. TERRY SAID HE WILL GET BACK TO THE COMMITTEE ONCE HE HAS THE TESTING RESULTS.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT - MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT JULY HIT A FOUR YEAR LOW AND AUGUST WILL BE THE HIGHEST IN 1 ½ YEAR FOR PERMITTING FEES. MR. JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT THE

PLANNING DEPARTMENT COLLECTED \$7,025 IN FEES AND \$3,500 IN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES. MR. JIROUSEK PROVIDED STATISTICS ON THE PERMITTED CONSTRUCTION IN THE COUNTY.

UPDATE - INFRASTRUCTURE AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK- SCDOT- CYPRESS RIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE – MR. JIROUSEK REVIEWED THE WATER AND SEWER AND THE TIME FRAME FOR COMPLETION. THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND HAS TO APPROVE THE PLAN AND IT SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 165 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ENGINEERS FELT THE PROJECT COULD BE COMPLETED IN 90 DAYS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID SOME RIGHT OF WAYS ARE NEEDED AND SCDOT IS WORKING ON THE DEEDS SO THE PROPERTY CAN BE CONVEYED BY A QUICK CLAIM DEED.

OLD HOUSE – MR. JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT THE PLANS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE AND THEY ARE WORKING ON GETTING RIGHT OF WAYS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE FELT THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE SUMMER OF 2012. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE CITIZENS STILL WANTED THE FLASHING LIGHT AND THERE ARE STILL CONCERNS REGARDING THE LIVE OAKS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WILL ASK FOR THE FINAL PLANS. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE OAKS AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY WILL BE CURBED AND IT IS CLOSE, BUT AN ARBORIST IS GOING TO STAY INVOLVED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID SCDOT WILL USE THE RIGHT OF WAY AND NOT TAKE ANY LAND FROM THE CHURCH. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID THAT THE PALM TREES NEED TO BE REMOVED AND THAT SITE NEEDS TO BE CLEARED. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT HE GOT THE MESSAGE TO THE HEAD ENGINEER IN THIS AREA. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID MAYBE HE NEEDED TO GO BEYOND HIM AND NOTIFY THE PEOPLE WHO APPOINTED HIM. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID THAT SCDOT NEEDS TO KNOW THAT JASPER COUNTY WANTS A STOP LIGHT AT THAT INTERSECTION. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE SAID SCDOT TOLD THE CITIZENS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE ANOTHER COMMUNITY MEETING WHEN THE PLANS WERE COMPLETE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID SCDOT IS NOT COMING BACK. COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE TOLD MR. JIROUSEK TO BRING THE PLANS TO COUNCIL.

UPDATE ON HEALTH DEPARTMENT – MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY WERE WAITING ON REPORTS REGARDING ASBESTOS AND HE EXPECTED IT TO GO OUT TO BID OCT. 1, 2011 AND THE WORK SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 6 MONTHS. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNTY SHOULD POUR MONEY INTO THAT BUILDING OR WOULD IT BE CHEAPER TO TEAR IT DOWN AND BUILD A NEW BUILDING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE FELT IT WOULD BE CHEAPER TO DO THE REPAIR WORK, BUT A NEW BUILDING COULD BE COST EFFECTIVE. MR. TERRY SAID THEY USE MOST OF THE ROOM IN THE CURRENT BUILDING. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED VARIOUS OPTIONS AND ASKED MR. JIROUSEK TO GET SOME COST ESTIMATES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WOULD REPORT BACK IN OCTOBER. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY

SUGGESTED MOVING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO THE CLEMSON BUILDING.

OTHER PROJECTS – MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FALL OF 2013. MR. JIROUSEK ALSO REPORTED THAT THE LOW COUNTRY COMMERCE PARK HAS A SALE PENDING AND THERE ARE A FEW NEW SUBDIVISIONS.

COURTHOUSE – MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THE ONE YEAR WALK THROUGH IS SCHEDULED AND THERE ARE A FEW CHANGE ORDERS, BUT IT IS ALMOST READY TO CLOSE OUT.

NEW BUSINESS

REPORT OF TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED FOR BUSINESS LICENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 AND REPORT OF TOTAL REVENUE FROM BUILDING DEPARTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011- MR. KITTY REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY BUDGETED \$390,000 AND \$290,000 WAS COLLECTED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. MR. KITTY SAID THE DEPOSITS FROM JULY, 2010 TO JUNE 2011, \$355,933. MR. KITTY SAID THE AUDITOR WILL DIFFERENTIATE HOW THE MONEY WILL BE DIVIDED AND HOW MUCH WILL BE APPLIED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE DEPOSITS SHOW THE AMOUNT CURRENTLY DEPOSITED. MR. KITTY SAID HE DEPOSITS THE MONEY INTO THE BANK AND AT THE END OF THE MONTH HE GIVES A CHECK TO MR. MALPHRUS AND MR. MALPHRUS SENDS IT TO THE TREASURER WHO PUTS THE CHECK INTO THE GENERAL FUND. MR. KITTY SAID THAT IN JULY HE GAVE MR. MALPHRUS A CHECK FOR \$34,900 AND IN JUNE A CHECK FOR \$185,767. MR. KITTY SAID THAT THINGS SHOULD PICK UP WITH THE NEW BUSINESSES LOCATING HERE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT PENALTIES AND MR. KITTY SAID THAT AFTER JULY PEOPLE RENEWING WOULD HAVE TO PAY A 5% PENALTY. MR. KITTY SAID HE DID NOT HAVE TOO MANY PAYING LATE AND HE ALSO CHARGED A \$30 FEE IF THE CHECKS ARE RETURNED.

LIST OF ALL COUNTY OWNED VACANT PROPERTIES AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTIES – THE COUNTY OWNED VACANT PROPERTIES ARE THE MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING, THE CLEMSON BUILDING, A PORTION OF PRATT LIBRARY, AND THE ASSESSOR'S OLD OFFICE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT HOW MUCH IT WOULD COST TO REPAIR THE CLEMSON BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAD AN ESTIMATE OF \$17,000 SEVERAL YEARS AGO. MR. TERRY SAID A LOT OF WORK INCLUDING WIRING, ROOF, DOORS, HVAC WOULD NEED TO BE DONE RIGHT AWAY. MR. TERRY SAID IT WOULD ALSO NEED TO BE MADE ADA COMPLIANT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED A LOT OF REQUESTS FOR SPACE INCLUDING THE SOLICITOR'S OFFICE AND THE FAMILY COURT JUDGE. MR. STEVE MURPHY SAID THE SOLICITOR CURRENTLY HAS 6 ½ PEOPLE WORKING IN THE MARY GORDON ELLIS BUILDING AND HE WILL BE ADDING TO THE STAFF. MR. MURPHY SAID

THAT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT SECURITY ISSUES WITH DHEC MOVING IN AND THE SHARED BATHROOMS ARE A BIG CONCERN. MR. MURPHY SAID THEY HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHO MOVES INTO THAT SPACE DUE TO THE TYPE OF CLIENTS THAT ARE BEING SERVED. MR. MURPHY SAID THE SOLICITOR WOULD LIKE TO MOVE INTO THE OLD ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND THEY COULD UTILIZE THE ENTIRE BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SOLICITOR OFFERED TO PROVIDE SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN FIXING THE OFFICE SPACE. MR. MURPHY SAID THE SOLICITOR WOULD MATCH DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR TO WHAT THE COUNTY WOULD PUT IN. MR. TERRY SAID THE BUILDING WOULD NEED TO BE ADA COMPLIANT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT CURRENTLY RECORDS ARE BEING STORED THERE AND THEY CAN BE MOVED ANYWHERE. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SUGGESTED MAKING THE CLEMSON BUILDING A STORAGE FACILITY. MR. TERRY SAID THEY COULD USE THE OFFICE SPACE BY THE MORGUE FOR STORAGE. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED WHY DJJ WAS MOVED TO THE OLD DR. BENNETT OFFICE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MADE HIM MOVE. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED USING THE OLD JAIL CELL AREA FOR STORAGE. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED A WORKSHOP TO REVIEW THE BUILDINGS AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. MR. FULGHUM ASKED MR. MURPHY TO TALK WITH THE SOLICITOR TO SEE WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE AND WHAT IT WOULD COST. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE TO BRING THE SOLICITOR'S REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.

STORMWATER ORDINANCE – MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION GAVE ITS FINAL REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ORDINANCE REPRESENTS ABOUT 9 MONTHS OF WORK AND HE HAS SCHEDULED THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE AT THE SEPT. 6, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT A WORKSHOP WAS NEEDED PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE STORMWATER ORDINANCE.

ADJOURN – COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHERIDGE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:40 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

HENRY ETHERIDGE
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN