



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 16, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, CHAIRMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN
HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN
REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADM. SERVICES
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMG. SERVICES
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
SUSAN WAITE, ASSESSOR

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 HOOD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2009 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION:

THERE WERE NO PROCLAMATIONS OR PRESENTATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

DAVID JIROUSEK – PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS IN JASPER COUNTY; TO ADD DEFINITIONS TO TERMS TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL CERTAIN DEFINITIONS OF TERMS FROM ARTICLE 4 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 15 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW ARTICLE 15 FOR THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL CHAPTER 22 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL SECTION 8:5.7 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE; TO REPEAL SECTION 17:2:2 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE:

MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S POSITION REGARDING SANDWICH SIGNS. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THEY APPROVED THEM WITH A FEW CONDITIONS. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CREATE ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 26 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SOUTH CAROLINA RELATED TO PROPERTY TAXES AND SECTION 26-45 A PART OF ARTICLE III RELATED TO INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES:

MR. JONES TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS TO ESTABLISH A WAY FOR THE CITIZENS TO MAKE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS FOR THEIR PROPERTY TAXES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE TREASURER AND THE TAX COLLECTOR WERE NOTIFIED. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE LANGUAGE FOR THE ORDINANCE CAME DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE STATUTE AND IF THE ASSESSOR NEEDS TO MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS, THE PROCEDURE IS IN PLACE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF HE CHECKED INTO THE NUMBER OF PAYMENTS. MR. JONES SAID THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT HE WAS TO DO THAT, BUT THE LANGUAGE AND THE DATES ARE PART TO THE LAW, AND THEY ARE VERY SPECIFIC. MR. JONES SAID HE DID NOT RECEIVE AN OPINION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF COUNCIL CAN ESTABLISH 9 PAYMENTS INSTEAD OF 5 PAYMENTS. MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT COUNCIL ONLY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE WHAT THE LAW STATES AND IT COULD BE DANGEROUS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF PAYMENTS AS IT COULD CAUSE A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY. MR. JONES SAID THAT UNTIL THE LEGISLATURE CHANGES THE LAW, HE DID NOT RECOMMEND MAKING ANY CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF PAYMENTS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT GREENWOOD COUNTY. MR. JONES SAID THAT HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS TO CONTACT GREENWOOD. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT REFUSING TO ACCEPT A PAYMENT

IF A PAYMENT IS MISSED. MR. JONES SAID THE WORDING CAME DIRECTLY FROM THE STATE LAW. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE COUNTY REFUSES TO ACCEPT A PAYMENT CAN THE CITIZENS STILL PAY THEIR TAXES. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE CITIZEN WOULD RECEIVE A CREDIT FOR WHAT THEY PAID AND CAN PAY THE BALANCE OF THE TAXES THAT ARE DUE. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE NUMBER OF PAYMENTS, AND THAT THEY CAN ONLY BE MADE AT CERTAIN TIMES. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO LET THE PEOPLE PAY WHAT THEY CAN PAY WHEN THEY CAN PAY IT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ORDINANCE PREPARED BY ATTORNEY JONES WAS WHAT IS CURRENTLY ALLOWED AND IS AS GOOD AS THE COUNCIL CAN DO AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED CONTACTING THE LEGISLATURE AND REQUESTING THAT THE LAW BE CHANGED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE TREASURER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING THE TAXES AND THE TREASURE MAY NOT HAVE TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE IF IT IS NOT WRITTEN TO THE LAW. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF JASPER COUNTY AND THE COUNCIL IS TRYING TO DO WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE CITIZENS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID OTHER COUNTIES HAVE INSTALLMENTS SET UP DIFFERENT FROM THE LAW. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE TOLD THE ATTORNEY AT THE LAST MEETING TO INVESTIGATE HOW THE COUNTY CAN DO IT THEIR WAY AND THE COUNCIL CAN TAKE A CHANCE UNTIL THEY ARE CALLED ON IT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THEY WANTED TO KNOW IF THE COUNTY CAN ACCEPT MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF TAXES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT IF THE PEOPLE MAKE SOME PAYMENTS AND DON'T PAY ALL THE TAXES, THE PROPERTY WOULD STILL GO TO THE TAX SALE FOR THE BALANCE OF TAXES OWED. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO PASS LAWS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF JASPER COUNTY. MR. JONES APOLOGIZED TO THE COUNCIL AND SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS TO DO. MR. JONES SAID HE WOULD CONTACT GREENWOOD COUNTY AND GET AN OPINION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRIOR TO THE 3RD READING OF THIS ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT IF THE CITIZENS DECIDE TO MAKE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS, THE ATTORNEY WILL HAVE TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE CITIZENS WHO DECIDE TO MAKE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS WILL HAVE TO SIGN A COMMITMENT WITH THE TREASURER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THERE IS ALREADY A SET PROCEDURE AND THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO GET TO THE CITIZENS AS THE DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2010 ACCORDING TO STATE LAW. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO HAVE THE FINAL READING OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH NECESSARY AMENDMENTS AT THE COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2009. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WILL ASK FOR A MOTION AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS WENT INTO AN ESCROW ACCOUNT. MR. JONES SAID THAT THE FUNDS GO INTO AN ESCROW ACCOUNT. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTION AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CREATE ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 26 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES OF SOUTH CAROLINA RELATED TO PROPERTY TAXES

AND SECTION 26-45 A PART OF ARTICLE III RELATED TO INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES UNTIL THE NOV. 18, 2009 MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

ANDREW FULGHUM – HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION:

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE RESOLUTION WAS TO RECOGNIZE THE GOOD WORK THAT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY DOES AND ALSO TO DECLARE THAT THE MUSEUM IS THE OFFICIAL JASPER COUNTY MUSEUM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE RESOLUTION ALSO ESTABLISHES THAT THE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE A LOCATION FOR THE MUSEUM AND HELP THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO OBTAIN GRANTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FIVE YEAR LEASE ON THE PERRY HOUSE AND WANTED TO ESTABLISH THAT THE COUNTY WOULD PROVIDE SPACE IN A COUNTY FACILITY FOR THEM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE RESOLUTION INCLUDED THAT THE COUNTY WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT CLAUSE MEANT THE STAFF WOULD TRY TO SECURE FUNDING AND GRANTS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED WHO IS PAYING FOR THE UTILITIES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT COUNTY WOULD PAY THE UTILITES UNTIL JUNE 30, 2010 AND THEN THE CHAMBER WILL PAY THE UTILITIES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE UTILITY BILLS CAN BE PAID WITH A-TAX FUND AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT NO CHAMBER BILLS ARE PAID FROM THE COUNTY'S BUDGET. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT IT SHOULD REMAIN THE SAME AND THE CHAMBER SHOULD PAY THE UTILITES AS OF JULY 1, 2010. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESOLUTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANDREW FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR PERRY HOUSE RENOVATION:

MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FOR THE RENOVATION WORK AT THE PERRY HOUSE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LOW BID WAS FROM IPW (INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS), THE SAME COMPANY WORKING ON THE COURTHOUSE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SEVEN BIDS WERE RECEIVED AND EVEN WITH THE LOCAL PREFERENCE APPLIED, IPW WAS THE LOW BIDDER AT \$8,725.00. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID OF \$8,725.00 FROM IPW FOR THE RENOVATION WORK AT THE PERRY HOUSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS

ANDREW FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT TO ACCEPT RDA FUNDS FROM PALMETTO ELECTRIC:

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT FOR SEVERAL YEARS THE COUNTY HAS RECEIVED RDA FUNDS FROM PALMETTO ELECTRIC. MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A CONTRACT TO ACCEPT \$300,000.00 FROM PALMETTO

ELECTRIC. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE CONTRACT STATES THAT \$22,400.00 IS TO BE USED MAKE THE NEW SPEC BUILDING AT CYPRESS RIDGE A PRE-CERTIFIED LEEDS BUILDING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE \$277,600.00 BALANCE IS TO BE USED TO EXTEND WATER AND SEWER TO ADDITIONAL LOTS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE STATES THAT THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED STRICKLY AS LISTED, AND HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAD TO REPLACE SOME OF THE PREVIOUS FUNDS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WOULD LET MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAIN. MR. MALPHRUS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE MONEY IS IN A SEPARATE FUND AND NOT A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY HAS ONE GENERAL FUND AND ALL MONEY COLLECTED AND RECEIVED BY THE COUNTY GOES INTO THAT FUND. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AUDITORS RECOMMEND THIS TYPE OF ACCOUNTING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IF THE COUNCIL WANTS TO HAVE A SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT FOR RDA FUNDS, HE CAN TAKE CARE OF IT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNTY DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO COVER THE MONEY FROM THE RDA FUND UNTIL AFTER THE COUNTY BORROWED MONEY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE FUNDS WERE DESIGNATED FOR ONE THING AND USED FOR ANOTHER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE DID NOT THINK A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT WAS NECESSARY, BUT THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD NOT USE FUNDS THAT ARE DESIGNATED FOR OTHER PROJECTS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID BY DOING THAT, IT DEFEATS FUND ACCOUNTING, AS THE CASH IS PART OF THE GENERAL FUNDS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEN IT SHOULD BE IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ADDED THAT MONEY THAT IS EARMARKED SHOULD NOT BE SPENT ON ANYTHING EXCEPT FOR WHAT IT IS DESIGNATED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE CAN ACCOUNT FOR EVERY DIME THAT GOES IN AND OUT OF THE GENERAL FUNDS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE FUND BALANCE MAY BE CORRECT, BUT THERE WAS NO MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND TO BACK UP THE FUND. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID IT IS LIKE SAYING ONE THING AND DOING ANOTHER. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID IF YOU HAVE A FUND, BUT DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BACK IT UP THE FUND, THE FUND IS WORTHLESS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE AGREED WITH COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE AND THAT IF FUNDS ARE DESIGNATED, THEY SHOULD ONLY BE SPENT ON WHAT THEY WERE EARMARKED FOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE LIKED THE BANKING AND ACCOUNTING THE WAY IT IS BEING DONE AND WHEN THE TAXES START COMING IN, THEY WILL HAVE THE MONEY TO PUT IT BACK. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT DOING IT THIS WAY THE COUNTY DRAWS INTEREST ON ALL THE MONEY. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF IT WAS LEGAL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS IS THE WAY THE AUDITORS RECOMMEND TO DOING IT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID THAT HE STILL FELT THE MONEY SHOULD ONLY BE SPENT ON WHAT IT WAS DESIGNATED FOR. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SPENDING THE FUNDS AND REPLACING THEM HAS NEVER DELAYED DOING A PROJECT. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH PALMETTO ELECTRIC TO ACCEPT THE RDA FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – REQUEST FOR A-TAX FUNDING FOR POINT SOUTH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAX PLAN:

MR. JIROUSEK REQUESTED \$60,000.00 OF A & H TAX FUNDING FOR AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO ESTABLISH A COUNTY IMPROVEMENT TAX DISTRICT. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY MET AND AGREED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF A POINT SOUTH IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TAX TO FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN POINT SOUTH. MR. JIROUSEK PROVIDED THE SIX LETTERS OF SUPPORT AND 3 MERCHANTS WERE IN THE AUDIENCE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE POINT SOUTH IMPROVEMENT TAX DISTRICT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THIS REQUEST QUALIFIES FOR A & H TAX FUNDING AND THAT POINT SOUTH CONTRIBUTES ABOUT 85% OF ALL A & H TAXES COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY. MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE CURRENT BALANCE OF THE A & H TAX FUND IS \$143,000.00. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE \$60,000.00 OF A & H TAX FUNDS TO PAY AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO ESTABLISH A POINT SOUTH IMPROVEMENT TAX DISTRICT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – AIRPORT RUNWAY OVERLAY PROJECT:

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT NO COUNCIL ACTION WAS NECESSARY, HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL THAT MILLING WAS NOT ALLOWED DUE TO THE DEPTH OF THE PAVEMENT. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE PROJECT WAS UNDERWAY.

CHAIRMAN HOOD – DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING:

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR A MOTION REGARDING THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO CANCEL THE DEC. 7, 2009 AND DEC. 21, 2009 COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO SCHEDULE THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2009 AT 4:00 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE AIRPORT RUNWAY AND IT BEING CLOSE TO THE SCHOOL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WERE NO PLANS TO EXTEND THE EXISTING RUNWAY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ANNOUNCED THAT TWO LOCAL YOUNG LADIES, MEGAN STOFFEL AND JORDON NIMMER, WERE COMPETING IN THE MISS SOUTH CAROLINA PAGEANT. THE COUNCIL WISHED BOTH GIRLS THE BEST OF LUCK. CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THE BUDGET MEETING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2009 AT 3:30 P.M. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID ALL DECISIONS WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME PROJECTS DONE TO CREATE REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD REQUESTED THAT SIGNS BE PUT IN PLACE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTERS WITH A CONTACT PHONE NUMBER IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY OR IF A REPAIR IS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHEN THE AUDIT WILL BE COMPLETE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE

AUDITORS STARTED TODAY AND IT SHOULD BE DONE BY DECEMBER 15, 2009 OR NO LATER THAN DEC. 31, 2009. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AUDIT DONE EARLIER.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MR. FULGHUM ANNOUNCED THE BUDGET CONTINGENCY PLANNING MEETING DATE, TIME AND AGENDA.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTES TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL):

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

BRAD SAMUELS, TREASURER OF THE LOW COUNTRY EDUCATION CENTER GAVE THE COUNCIL MEMBERS A COPY OF AN ANALYSIS THEY DID, AND HE SAID THE ANALYSIS LISTS WHAT IS NEEDED. MR. SAMUELS SAID THAT SOUTH CAROLINA PATHWAYS IS GOOD FOR PARENTS, STUDENTS AND BUSINESSES AS THEY ARE TRYING TO GET PEOPLE EDUCATED TO DO THE JOBS THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND ALSO TO PREPARE A WORKFORCE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE AREA.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, ENCOURAGE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION, NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN

