



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

358 THIRD AVE.
RIDGELAND, SC 29936

MARCH 15, 2010

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

WORKSHOP

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

GEORGE 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. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
CHRISTY HERMAN, DEVELOPMENT PROJECT COORDINATOR

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 WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 6:00 P.M.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP:

MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THERE WERE MANY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY AND RECREATION OF JASPER COUNTY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT A JOINT PLANNING EFFORT IS NEEDED AND THAT IN THE SHORT TERM, THEY NEEDED TO CONCENTRATE ON EDUCATION AND AWARENESS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WILL BE WORKING ON A NEW ORDINANCE FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

AND WATER QUALITY WILL BE A PRIORITY THAT THE DEVELOPERS WILL HAVE TO ADHERE TO. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NEED TO BE BALANCED.

MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT DR. CHRIS MARSH AND TONY MAGLIONE WILL BE WORKING WITH HIM REGARDING THE ORDINANCE. THEY WILL ADDRESS THE LIMITATIONS OF THE CURRENT ORDINANCE AND THE CONCEPTS FOR A NEW STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE. DR. MARSH REVIEWED THE NEED FOR REGIONAL PLANNING. DR. MARSH DISCUSSED THE KEY POINTS OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, THE THREE KINDS OF RIVERS, AND CHANNELIZATION. DR. MARSH DISCUSSED HOW THE RUNOFF IMPACTS SALT MARCHES, RIVERS, TIDAL CREEKS AND STREAMS.

DR. MARSH TALKED ABOUT THE NEED FOR NATURAL RESOURE CONSERVATIONS, THE WATER TABLE, AND THE TYPES OF SOIL IN THE AREA. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE EFFECT OF WATER RUNOFF ON TIDAL CREEKS, WELLS AND WATER SUPPLY.

MR. MAGLIONE DISCUSSED THE TWO WATERSHEDS AND THE RIVERS THAT FLOW INTO EACH AND THAT THE WATER IS CONTROLLED THROUGH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT. MR. MAGLIONE REVIEWED THE CURRENT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS AND THE VARIOUS AGENCIES INVOLVED. MR. MAGLIONE SAID THAT THE NEW ORDINANCE SHOULD BE ABLE TO STAND ALONE AND BE ENFORCABLE. MR. MAGLIONE SAID THE ORDINANCE WOULD INSURE WATER QUALITY, MAINTAIN THE VOLUME OF STORMWATER, STIPULATE PLANNING FOR STORMWATER SYSTEMS AT THE CONCEPTIONAL AND MASTER PLAN PHASES OF DEVELOPERS. MR. MAGLIONE SAID THAT THE GIS MAPPERS SHOULD BE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION IN THE ORDINANCE INCLUDING THE DRAINAGE DITCHES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT PART OF THE COUNCIL'S MISSION STATEMENT IS TO MANAGE GROWTH, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT IS PART OF IT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD BE BRINGING COUNCIL THE INFORMATION ON THE NEW ORDINANCE IN BITS AND PIECES.

THE WORKSHOP ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 P.M.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SERVICES
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES
HERMAN SMITH, BUILDING DEPT. DIRECTOR
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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

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE 3/01/10 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

THERE WERE NO PROCLAMATIONS OR PRESENTATIONS.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

ANDREW FULGHUM – 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND THE UNITED WAY:

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE SINCE THE 1ST READING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LEASE IS FOR THREE YEARS FOR \$1.00 PER YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO RENEW THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND THE UNITED WAY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION TO CALL UPON THE SETTINGS OF MACKAY POINT, LLC AS PRINCIPAL AND BOND SAFEGUARD INSURANCE COMPANY AS SURETY TO COMPLETE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE SETTINGS OF MACKAY POINT, JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA:

MARVIN JONES PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION AND EXPLAINED THAT HE AND THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING NEGOTIATED WITH THE SETTINGS AND THE SETTINGS FAILED TO MEET THE DEADLINE. MR. JONES SAID THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION DEALT WITH ONLY ONE BOND AND THIS RESOLUTION COVERED ALL FIVE BONDS. MR. JONES ASKED FOR THE

AUTHORITY TO BRING ACTION AGAINST ALL FIVE BONDING COMPANIES AND THE DEVELOPER. MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO PUT IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEY CANNOT SELL A LOT UNTIL IT IS DONE, BUT THERE WAS A PREVISIO THAT IF A BOND IS PUT UP, THE LOTS CAN BE SOLD PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD ANY FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT THE BONDS ARE OVER \$6,000,000.00 TO INSURE THAT THE WORK GETS DONE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY ATTEMPTED TO DO ANYTHING AND MR. JONES SAID A LOT OF LETTERS WENT BACK AND FORTH, AND MINIMAL, IF ANY, WORK GOT DONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY BUYERS. MR. JONES SAID THAT 110 OUT OF 134 LOTS IN PHASE ONE WERE SOLD AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE UPSET BECAUSE THEY CANNOT BUILD ON THE LOTS. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE RESOLUTION, WOULD THE DEVEOPERS OR BONDING COMPANIES HAVE TO FINISH THE INFRASTRUCTURE. MR. JONES RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD CALL UPON THE BONDING COMPANIES AND THE DEVELOPER TO FINISH THE WORK IN ACCORDANCE OF THE BOND. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT A TIMELINE. MR. JONES SAID THAT IT WOULD BE NEGOTIATED TO GET IT DONE IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE BONDS WOULD COVER THE ENTIRE AMOUNT. MR. JONES SAID THE BONDS ARE FOR 125% OF THE COST. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. JONES TO GET IT IN WRITING AS TO HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO FINISH THE INFRASTRUCTURE. MR. JONES SAID THE BONDING COMPANY WILL EITHER GET IT DONE OR GIVE THE MONEY TO THE COUNTY TO GET IT DONE. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED MR. JONES TO STAY ON TOP OF THIS ISSUE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO CALL UPON THE SETTINGS OF MACKAY POINT, LLC AS PRINCIPAL AND BOND SAFEGUARD INSURANCE COMPANY AS SURETY TO COMPLETE REQUIRED INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE SETTINGS OF MACKAY POINT, JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

ANDREW FULGHUM – RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH CROWDERGULF:

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE CONTRACT WAS PRESENTED AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING AND THE FEES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED THIS TIME. MR. FULGHUM ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT BASED ON THE FEES ATTACHED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW CROWDERGULF WAS CHOSEN. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT TWO COMPANIES BID ON THE CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY DEALT WITH FEMA. MR. DALEY SAID THE COUNTY DEALS WITH FEMA AND CROWDERGULF HELPS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE \$100.00 RENEWAL FEE. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS NO COST TO RENEW. MR. MALPHRUS ADDED THAT THE COUNTY HAS NEVER BEEN INVOICED FOR THE RENEWAL FEE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE

ASKED IF THERE WAS A SMALL DISASTER WOULD THE COUNTY BE OBLIGATED TO USE THEM. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT COUNTY IS NOT OBLIGATED TO USE THEM AND THEY ONLY COME IF THEY ARE CALLED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE FIGURES WERE IN LINE WITH FEMA AND MR. DALEY SAID THEY WERE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH CROWDERGULF. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE NEW LIFE CENTER BOARD:

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR ADA RENOVATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR FOUR COUNTY BUILDINGS:

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT FOUR BUILDINGS NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS TO BE ADA COMPLIANT. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT WAS PUT OUT FOR BID AND THE COUNTY RECEIVED TWO BIDS. MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE BID FROM LAKEVIEW CONTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,131.21 AND THAT IT WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE LINE IN THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF ALL THE WORK WAS GAURANTEED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT NO BOND WAS REQUIRED. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE CONTRACT AND TO INCLUDE STRONG LANGUAGE SINCE THE COUNTY HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE BROWN CAMPBELL BUILDING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID FROM LAKEVIEW CONTSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000.00 FOR ADA RENOVATION IMPROVEMENTS FOR FOUR COUNTY BUILDINGS AND THE CONTRACT WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE LINE OF THE BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR MOVING 335 THIRD AVE.:

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO POSTPONE THE DECISION ON THIS MATTER UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR ROCK FOR COUNTY ROADS:

MR. TERRY ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE BIDS FROM JR WILSON FOR ROCK FOR COUNTY ROADS. JR WILSON'S BID WAS \$31.48 PER TON. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE LOCAL PREFERENCE IS CAPPED AT \$2,000.00. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID OF \$31.48 PER TON FROM JR WILSON FOR ROCK AND THE ROCK IS TO BE PAID FOR WITH C-FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THAT SUSAN AND BILL NIMMER ESTABLISHED THE JASPER COUNTY COMMUNITY FUND, WHICH IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND THEY NEED TO MATCH \$30,000.00 WHICH THEY HAVE RECEIVED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT ANYONE CAN DONATE ANY AMOUNT AND THE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN JASPER COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THAT THE SEMBLER PROJECT WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE ROTARY ON MARCH 16, 2010 AND THAT A BUS WILL BE GOING TO COLUMBIA ON MARCH 17, 2010 TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT. CHAIRMAN HOOD INVITED THE CITIZENS TO ATTEND BOTH EVENTS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED THE CHAMBER, MRS. FRANK, AND MRS. BARTOLDUS FOR ALL THEIR WORK IN COLUMBIA ON STATE HOUSE DAY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID OVER 300 PEOPLE WERE SERVED A LOW COUNTRY BOIL BY THE CHAMBER. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT LCOG PASSED A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE SEMBLER PROJECT.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE REPORTED THE THAT JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS' BUDGET WAS CUT 15% LAST YEAR AND THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF A 24% CUT THIS YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID IF THIS HAPPENS, THE JH HILL CENTER WILL HAVE TO CLOSE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO TRY AND GET THE REDUCTION CUT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WAS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE PROGRAM AND THERE WERE WAYS TO RAISE FUNDS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE SPECIAL AGENCIES WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION REGARDING A COMPARISON OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FEES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL MAY WANT TO REVISIT THE DEVELOPMENT FEES. MR. FULGHUM INVITED THE COUNCIL TO TWO WEBINARS ON MARCH 31, 2101 AND APRIL 1, 2010. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING REGARDING POINT SOUTH DEVELOPMENT ON MARCH 23, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF SCDOT PROPOSED ROAD WIDENING OF SC 336 AND SC 462 TO PROVIDE A TURNING LANE AND THAT THE CITIZENS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS PROJECT. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT MR. JIROUSEK HAS BEEN WORKING WITH SCDOT AND WILL SEND A REVISED PLAN AND HE WILL ALSO POINT OUT THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AREA. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT CONTRUCTION IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER. MR. FULGHUM UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE SCDOT BRIDGE WORK ON SUGAR LOAF ROAD AND THAT SCDOT HAS RENAMED A SECTION OF SC 170 TO SC 315. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE JASPER COUNTY PORTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND IS PROPOSED TO BE CUT \$214,841.82. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE COUNTY IS NOW ADA COMPLIANT.

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

MS. BARTOLDUS TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE SCDOT WIDENING PROJECT AT SC 336 AND SC 462 IS ASININE AND THAT ALL THAT WAS NEEDED WAS A TRAFFIC LIGHT. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID IF A TRAFFIC LIGHT WOULD BE INSTALLED, THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT LOOSE ANY OF THEIR LAND AND NONE OF THE TREES WOULD HAVE TO BE CUT DOWN. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THAT TRUCKS SPEEDING THROUGH THAT AREA CANNOT BE GIVEN A TICKET BECAUSE A YELLOW SIGN IS THERE, BUT IF A WHITE SIGN IS INSTALLED, TICKETS CAN BE ISSUED. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THAT THERE WILL BE A LOT OF CONFUSION CAUSED BY THE TURNING LANE AND THE PROBLEM WILL NOT BE CORRECTED. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID INSTALLING A TRAFFIC LIGHT WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND SAVE THE BEAUTIFUL TREES.

KEVIN SMITH INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THOMAS AND HUTTON WILL BE PRESENTING A PAPER DEALING WITH STORM WATER ISSUES AND HE EXTENDED THE COUNCIL AN INVITATION TO ATTEND. MR. SMITH SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE MR. JIROUSEK WITH THE DATE AND TIME.

ANDREA MALLOY, SC COASTAL CONSERVATION LEAGUE, SAID IF THE COUNTY ALLOWS SCDOT TO PLAN THEIR COMMUNITY IT WILL LOOK LIKE HWY. 17 INTO CHARLESTON. MS. MALLOY SAID IF THE COUNTY ALLOWS SCDOT TO REMOVE 10 TREES IN THAT INTERSECTION, PEOPLE WILL NOT RECOGNIZE IT. MS. MALLOY SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY HAS DESIGNATED CANOPY ROADS AND MADE A GUIDE FOR THEM. MS. MALLOY TOLD THE COUNCIL NOT TO LET THE TREES BE REMOVED; SHE SAID THE TRAFFIC LIGHT IS A GOOD SOLUTION. MS. MALLOY SAID A COMMUNITY MEETING SHOULD BE HELD SO ALL THE CITIZENS ARE AWARE OF THE SCDOT PLANS. MS. MALLOY SAID THE CONSERVATION LEAGUE HAS A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH SCDOT AND THEY CAN BE A LOUDER ADVOCATE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE AGREED THAT THE STOP LIGHT WOULD BE A BETTER SOLUTION AND HE DID NOT THINK THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA WERE AWARE OF THE SITUATION. COUNCILMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT A PUBLIC MEETING NEEDED TO BE SCHEDULED. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. JIROUSEK AND MR. FULGHUM TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC MEETING. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THAT THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT OFFERED TO HOLD THE MEETING IN HIS RESTAURANT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE CHURCH MAY LET THE COUNTY USE THEIR FELLOWSHIP HALL.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY; AND DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY;

HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING

COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY AND DISCUSSION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT, APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, PROMOTION, DEMOTION, DISCIPLINE, OR RELEASE OF AN EMPLOYEE, A STUDENT, OR A PERSON REGULATED BY A PUBLIC BODY OR THE APPOINTMENT OF A PERSON TO A PUBLIC BODY; HOWEVER, IF AN ADVERSARY HEARING INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT IS HELD, THE EMPLOYEE OR CLIENT HAS THE RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT THE HEARING BE CONDUCTED PUBLICLY. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ITEM SHALL PREVENT THE PUBLIC BODY, IN ITS DISCRETION, FROM DELETING THE NAMES OF OTHER EMPLOYEES OR CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

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

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO REPLACE 4 MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO REPLACE ONE MEMBER TO THE EMERGENCY SHELTER BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM DARLENE MILLER FOR MOVING 335 THIRD AVE, RIDGELAND, SC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. MR FULGHUM IS TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION.

VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO HAVE MR. JONES PROCEED AND TO GRANT MR. JONES THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE EXPERT COUNSEL TO ASSIST HIM IN THE MATTER REGARDING THE SETTINGS AND THAT THE EXPERT COUNSEL IS TO

BE PAID FROM THE LEGAL EXPENSE LINE IN THE BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THE BUDGET WORKSHOP SCHEDULE WAS APPROVED AND THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD EACH WEDNESDAY IN APRIL FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND EACH PRESENTER WOULD BE GRANTED 15 MINUTES TO MAKE THEIR REQUEST.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN