Minutes
Sumter County Council
Regular Meeting
April 8, 2008 - Held at 6:00 p.m.
County Administration Building County Council Chambers
13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC


MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. William T. Noonan, County Administrator; Mrs. Mary W. Blanding, Clerk to County Council; Mr. George McGregor, Planning Director; Mrs. Pam Craven, Finance Director; Mrs. Lorraine Dennis, Deputy County Administrator/Human Resources Director; Mrs. Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst; and the Honorable Verna Moore, Sumter County Coroner.

MEDIA PRESENT: The Item

PUBLIC PRESENT: Approximately 12 members of the public were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Vivian Fleming-McGhaney called Sumter County Council’s meeting of April 8, 2008, to order.

INVOCATION: Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTE: The Chairwoman stated that she wanted the public to know that Councilman Robinson is absent due to the death of his father. Council’s prayers are extended to him and his family.

RECOGNITION: The Clerk recognized members of Junior County Council: Jeremy Richardson, Kimberly Arnold, and Trenton Green. Terry Sumter, the Advisor for Junior County Council, was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the April 8, 2008, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed. The Clerk to Council, asked Council to consider removing from the April 8, 2008, agenda Item#1 under New Business: Discussion And Possible Action On How To Handle Items Reported From Executive Session.

ACTION: MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Edens, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the April 8, 2008, agenda as amended by removing Item #1 under New Business.

ACTION ON MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2008: Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of County Council’s meeting of March 11, 2008.
LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS -

Planned Development/Rezoning Request -

1. **RZ-08-04 – First Reading -- Frank B. Jones (County)** -- Request To Rezone 4.46 Acres From Residential – 15 (R-15) To General Commercial (GC) Located At 3815 Broad St. And Identified By Tax 186-00-01-001.

2. **MA-08-02 – Second Reading/Public Hearing -- (08-660) and RZ-08-02 -- Charles Hodge -- (County)** (Prior to action on second reading, Council will hold a public hearing on this matter.) -- Request to:

   (1) **Amend The 2020 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation From Residential Housing Type Optional (RHO) To Industrial Protection And Development (IPD); And**

   (2) **Rezone From Light Industrial-Warehouse (LI-W) And General Residential (GR) To Heavy Industrial (HI) +/- 36.21 Acres Located At 602 E. Fulton St. And Identified By Tax Map # 250-00-01-008.**

Street Name Change – None

Grant Awards – None

OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

NEW BUSINESS

(1) **Update From Attorney Laddie Howard Concerning Proposed Bills In The South Carolina House And Senate.**

(2) **Discussion And Possible Action On How To Handle Items Reported From Executive Session.**

(3) **It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Receive A Legal Briefing From The County Attorney Or Discuss Contractual Or Personnel Matters.**

   No executive session was held.

OLD BUSINESS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(1) **Fiscal, Tax, and Property Committee** Meeting Held On Tuesday, April 8, 2008, At 4:30 P.M. In County Council’s Conference Room At The County Administration Building (Committee Members: Mcghaney, Blanding, and Edens – All Council Members Are Asked To Attend This Meeting.)
1. **Executive Session** – If Necessary Council May Hold An Executive Session To Discuss Contractual or Personnel Matters, or Receive A Legal Briefing.
   A. Discussion On Contractual Matter Pertaining To Economic Development.
   B. Discussion On A Potential Contractual Matter With The City Of Sumter.
   C. Discussion On Matters Relating To The Proposed Location, Expansion, Or The Provision Of Services Which May Encourage Location Or Expansion Of Industries Or Other Businesses In Sumter County.

2. Report From Sumter County Treasurer – Collections For Fiscal Year 2007-2008.


(2) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The Chairwoman asked if anyone from the public would like to make comments to members of Sumter County Council.

- Mrs. Ann August, the Executive Director for Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority, updated Council on the construction of the James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center. She stated that the construction is within the 90-day timeframe for completion. Mrs. August asked Council members to consider visiting the facility for a tour prior to its completion.

  Councilman Baten asked about a “wall” that is still standing in the yard of the Transportation Center. Mrs. August stated that the architect wanted to show the extent of the previous buildings and use this wall as a historical marker.

- Karen Watson, Executive Director of the Sumter County Gallery of Arts, thanked each Council member for their help with the Gallery.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Fleming McGhaney
Chairman or Vice Chairman
Sumter County Council

Mary W. Blanding
Clerk to County Council
Sumter County Council
Approved:________________________

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Date Notified: April 3, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Blanding