MINUTES OF



RICHLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011 1:00 p.m.

In accordance with the freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Pat Palmer

Vice Chair Stephen Gilchrist
Secretary David Tuttle
Member Olin Westbrook
Member Kathleen McDaniel
Member Elizabeth Mattos-Ward

Member Deas Manning Member Wallace Brown Member Heather Cairns

OTHERS PRESENT – Anna Almeida, Geonard Price, Suzie Haynes, Brian Cook, Tommy DeLage, Dr. James B. Atkins, Betty Etheridge, Amelia Linder.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made to nominate Pat Palmer as Chair, and the motion received a second. No other nominations were received, and Pat Palmer was unanimously approved to remain as Chair for the upcoming year.

A motion was made to nominate Stephen Gilchrist as Vice Chair, and the motion received a second. No other nominations were received, and Stephen Gilchrist was unanimously approved to remain as Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

A motion was made to nominate David Tuttle as Secretary, and the motion received a second. No other nominations were received, and David Tuttle was unanimously approved to remain as Secretary for the upcoming year.

ROAD NAME APPROVALS

The public hearing was opened and no one spoke. The public hearing was closed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the renaming of "Marnan Lane" in Blythewood, SC to "Marion Trap Road". The new road name was unanimously approved.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

The agenda was amended to add "Approval of November minutes".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the November 1, 2010 Planning Commission meeting were unanimously approved, as submitted.

MAP AMENDMENTS

1. Case #10-33 MA
Odom Enterprise
Steven Odom
RU to LI (2.33 acres)
5771 Lower Richland Blvd.
TMS # 21613-01-02

Staff recommended approval of this request, as it was in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. A motion was made and seconded to **approve** the rezoning request from RU to LI. The motion was in favor on a vote of 9-0.

Case #10-34 MA
 Dennis & Nancy Hunniford
 Dennis Hunniford
 RU to RS-LD (.76 acres)
 Haven Circle
 TMS # 01409-03-16

Staff recommended denial of this request, as it was not in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The applicant spoke in support of the rezoning. A motion was made and seconded to **approve** the rezoning request from RU to RS-LD. The motion was in favor on a vote of 7-2.

Case #11-01 MA
 Carolina Child Care Properties, LLC
 Dennis Drew
 OI to GC (3.6 acres)
 Bickley Rd.
 TMS # 02416-01-05

Staff recommended denial of this request, as it was not in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. The applicant and three other persons spoke in support of the rezoning. A motion was made and seconded to **deny** the rezoning request from OI to GC. The motion was in favor of the denial on a vote of 7-2.

4. Case #11-02 MA
William M. Gregg
RU to HI (298 acres)
Bluff Rd.
TMS # 11100-01-05 & 06

This rezoning request was administratively deferred to the February meeting.

TEXT AMENDMENTS

5. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26; SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO THE BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT AND TO THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHENEVER PLANS ARE SUBMITTED THAT AFFECT THE "EMERGENCY PLANNING ZONE (EPZ)" OF THE V.C. SUMMER NUCLEAR PLANT, WHICH IS LOCATED IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

A motion was made and seconded to **approve** the text amendment. The motion was in favor on a vote of 9-0.

6. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26; SO AS TO REQUIRE NEW SIDEWALKS TO BE ADA COMPLIANT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PROVIDING SIDEWALKS.

This text amendment was administratively deferred to the February meeting.

7. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING; CHAPTER 26, SO AS TO PROVIDE SIZE RESTRICTIONS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES IN THE RU (RURAL) DISTRICT.

A motion was made and seconded to **defer** this text amendment to the February meeting. The motion was in favor on a vote of 9-0.

8. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26; SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT AND SQUARE FOOTAGE OF SIGNS FOR INSTITUITONAL USES IN THE RU RURAL DISTRICT.

Three people spoke in support of the text amendment. A motion was made and seconded to **approve** the text amendment. The motion was in favor on a vote of 9-0.

9. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING; CHAPTER 26, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT FOR ON-PREMISE SIGNS IN THE GC (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT.

A motion was made and seconded to **approve** the text amendment. The motion was in favor on a vote of 8-1.

10. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING; CHAPTER 26,; SO AS TO CREATE A NEW SECTION THAT WOULD ALLOW DIGITAL DISPLAY DEVICES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

OR

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING; CHAPTER 26, SO AS TO PROHIBIT ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY, ELECTRONIC GRAPHIC DISPLAY, MULTI-VISION, AND VIDEO DISPLAY SIGNS.

A discussion took place. A motion was made and seconded to **approve** the text amendment that would allow digital signs. The motion was in favor on a vote of 8-1.

Another motion was made and seconded to **deny** the text amendment that would prohibit digital signs. The motion was in favor on a vote of 9-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.