

Kershaw County Planning and Zoning Commission
Minutes - Work Session
January 28, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
County Council Chambers, 515 Walnut Street
Camden, SC 29020

Members in Attendance: Lewis Shaw, Charles Cottingham, George Gibson, Dan Matthews, and Richard Simmons

Members Absent: David Brown and Karen Eckford

Staff in Attendance: Carolyn Hammond and John Newman

Call to Order

Lewis Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

FY 2010-2011 Capital Improvement Program

The Commission began with a review of the list of CIP items and projects provided by the consultant, Robert Moody. Their intent was to select the items and projects they wanted to gather further information on in order to make their recommendations to County Council. They found that the information provided lacked the justification and cost basis necessary to determine which projects to select. Because of the lack of necessary information, they came to a consensus that any attempt to go further would be futile until adequate requested information was provided. They expressed the need to see a completed draft of all requests and documentation gathered from the department heads and elected officials. They stressed the importance of meeting directly with department heads and elected officials in order to hear summaries of their current and long-range capital project needs. They felt that, without hearing from the department heads and elected officials, they would be unable to fairly and accurately recommend or eliminate specific line items until they knew how each requested item fitted together to achieve the goals and objectives of the departments. To begin that process, the Commission will request that County Administrator, Clay Young, and Public Works Director, Dean Hendricks, attend their next meeting.

Various members expressed concern that this year's CIP process was at the same point it was last year when, because of a lack of information, the result was a CIP that was not produced or recommended by the Planning Commission. The Chairman questioned the legality of that document and expressed his dismay that the Commission's inability to produce a CIP last year had, evidently, had no impact on County Council. In an attempt to keep the process moving, Lewis Shaw said he would meet with Mr. Young to discuss the whole CIP process and share the Commission's concerns. The discussion closed with the Commission agreeing that, as last year, they would not sign off on a document that they had not been given an opportunity to thoroughly review, produce, and recommend.

Other Items

John Newman reported that County Council held a ZLDR work session on January 19th. Lewis Shaw stated that at that work session, Council commended the Planning Department staff and the Planning Commission for their work on the ZLDR, adding that the need to make only a handful of amendments was evidence of the careful thought, planning, and work that went into the document.

Adjournment

At 6:30 p.m., the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. It was made by George Gibson, seconded by Richard Simmons, and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Hammond

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Secretary