

**Kershaw County Planning and Zoning Commission
Minutes - Regular Session
January 14, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
County Council Chambers, 515 Walnut Street
Camden, SC 29020**

Members Present: Lewis Shaw, David Brown, Karen Eckford, George Gibson, and Richard Simmons

Members Absent: Charles Cottingham and Dan Matthews

Staff Present: Carolyn Hammond and John Newman

Call to Order

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

Public Comment Period

There were no comments from the public.

Approval of Minutes

Karen Eckford motioned that the minutes of the December 10, 2009 regular meeting be approved. George Gibson seconded. Mr. Shaw, Mr. Brown, Ms. Eckford, and Mr. Gibson voted in favor. Because Mr. Simmons did not attend the December 10th meeting, he did not vote.

The FY 2009-2010 CIP

John Newman reported that Robert Moody has compiled a ten-year list of CIP projects and the costs associated with them. Items on the list were derived from the department heads' requests, the two previous CIPs, and current County budget data. Copies of these requests have been given back to the department heads and they are to make their final reviews by the end of January. At a January 28th work session, the Commission will go through Mr. Moody's list of projects and eliminate the administrative budget items they choose not to review. For the projects that remain, Moody will prepare detailed project sheets showing the departments' justifications, the basis of cost estimates, and the sources of funding/potential funding. Clay Young added that the County's debt service schedule will also be included. At the February 11th regular meeting, the Planning Commission will begin to review the projects that remain on the list, request additional information, and get input from individual department heads if needed. In the event that the review of projects cannot be completed on February 11th, the Commission will hold a work session on February 18th.

County Administrator, Clay Young, told the group that a transportation study will be included on his list of CIP projects. Dean Hendricks, the Public Works Director, stated that his department is responsible for approximately 4000 street name signs and 875 roads with their associated drainage systems. He informed the Commission of the age of the roads and the costs associated with their upkeep. Lewis Shaw made it clear that the Commission is interested in road projects, but it is also very much interested in looking into the system of determining and funding road improvements. Since the Central Midlands Council of Governments is already working on a transportation study for the Elgin area, it was agreed that John Newman would ask them for an estimate to study all of Kershaw County.

The County Engineer, Dana Reeder, briefed the Commission on the sewer system, pointing out its location, capacity, recent upgrades, concerns, future needs, and goals. Clay Young added that an updated sewer study will be included on his list of CIP requests. Lewis Shaw stated that the sewer is the critical point in effectively managing growth for the County, and without a properly designed and operated waste treatment system, the County is not going to be able to grow or get new industry. It is, therefore, essential that Kershaw County get a good plan in place.

Staff Report on County Council Actions Concerning the Planning and Zoning Commission

John Newman reported that at their January 12, 2010 meeting, in addition to approving third reading on Lewis Clyburn's rezoning request for 3010 and 3010 A&B Lewis Street, County Council held the public hearing on the Zoning and Land Development Regulations. Four people spoke in favor of restoring the water quality buffers to 100 feet for perennial, and 50 feet for intermittent streams, while two spoke in favor of the Planning Commission's final recommendations. One citizen told the Council of her desire to have bull riding added as an allowable use in rural zoning districts, and one spoke on conservation design subdivisions and group development subdivisions thinking that 60% open space was required on all developments.

Election of 2010 Officers

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairman. Richard Simmons nominated Lewis Shaw. David Brown seconded. During the discussion that followed, the Commission came to the consensus that they would move to re-elect the entire slate of officers. Richard Simmons withdrew his motion. The motion to re-elect the entire slate was made by George Gibson, seconded by David Brown, and voted in favor by all. The officers are: Lewis Shaw, Chairman; Richard Simmons, Vice-Chairman; and Carolyn Hammond, Secretary.

Other Items

There were no other items.

Adjournment

At 7:00 p.m., the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Karen Eckford, seconded by George Gibson, and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Hammond

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Secretary