

**Kershaw County Planning and Zoning Commission
Minutes - Special Called Meeting
May 6, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
County Council Chambers, 515 Walnut Street
Camden, SC 29020**

Members in Attendance: Lewis Shaw, David Brown, Charles Cottingham, Karen Eckford, and George Gibson

Members Absent: Dan Matthews, and Richard Simmons

Staff in Attendance: Carolyn Hammond and John Newman

Call to Order

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

Public Comments

Baynard Boykin expressed his confusion between the CIP and Capital Sales Tax referendum, adding that, when selecting projects, enhancement of economic development needs to be emphasized. He stated that we need to learn to do the best we can with what we have, and not get into a situation where we are over-extended. He said education is important in bringing people out of bad socio-economic situations, and that while education is available, incentives need to be provided so people will use it.

Lewis Shaw responded that the Planning Commission's role in the CIP is separate from the Capital Sales Tax Commission. The CIP is a ten-year rolling plan. State law says that the Planning Commission is supposed to provide a CIP for County Council that ties into the Comprehensive Plan. In bad economic times, it is important to think ahead long term to capital projects that would benefit Kershaw County so that their priority would be noted.

The FY 2010-2011 CIP

John Newman updated the Commission on their questions and comments from their April 6, 2010 meeting. He reported new information on the income that would be produced from a tournament facility at the West Wateree recreational complex. He added that the West Wateree library would not be built if the Capital Sales Tax did not pass, and if it passed, it would not pay for furnishings and operational costs.

After agreeing that no one on the Commission had additional items to add to their list from the last meeting, Lewis Shaw stated, and members of the Commission agreed, that the Annual Priority Project recommendations were not going to be timely and available for the County Council to use in the current budget process. He and the Commission spoke of their disappointment in feeling that the County Council would most likely not pay attention to their recommendations, anyway. Mr. Shaw expressed hope that the Planning Commission could glean what it could from the information provided by the consultant and send it to the County Council after the Commission's May 13, 2010 meeting. He added that a letter to County Council would be drafted explaining that the Commission finds itself in its current position because development of the CIP had not gone by the process outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission went on to review each item on the list of questions and comments which included Staff follow-up and comments from the consultant, Robert Moody. From their discussion, the following list of preliminary Annual Priorities was compiled:

1. PUBLIC SAFETY
 - Sheriff's Department Vehicle Replacement Program
 - Fire Service Pumper/Tanker Replacement Plan
2. PUBLIC FACILITIES
 - Public Works Landfill Paving and Scales
 - Sewer
3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 - Road and water at Steeplechase Business Park
 - Water and sewer at Governor's Hill Business Park
4. PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT
 - Comprehensive Information Technology Capital Improvement Plan
 - Transportation Study
 - Master Sewer Plan Update
 - Courthouse Assessment
 - Central Communications
5. RECREATION
 - West Wateree Park

The motion to approve the preliminary list was made by David Brown, seconded by Karen Eckford, and approved by all.

Adjournment

At 7:05 p.m., the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. It was made by Karen Eckford, seconded by David Brown, and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Hammond
Secretary