



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
J.C. GOVERNMENT BLDG.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 7, 2013
MINUTES**

4:30 P.M.

WORKSHOP FOR PALM KEY ORDINANCE:

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairman Henry Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Councilman Theodus Drayton

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Attorney Marvin Jones, Judith Frank, Clerk to Council, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

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Chairman Etheridge called the workshop to order at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Edge said that the workshop is being held at the request of the Council and that no changes have been made to the Master Plan. Mr. Edge said that the traffic impact study was included and the developer will have a SCDOT traffic study done prior to the start of development. Mr. Edge said the applicants and the engineer were present to answer any questions. Councilman Drayton said that a traffic study was requested, not a traffic analysis. Mr. Edge said the applicant supplied the traffic analysis, not a study. Chairman Etheridge asked if a traffic study was done by SCDOT and Mr. Edge said it was not. Councilman Johnson said that he was concerned because this development was being represented that it was being built for the veterans, but there is nothing to address that in the documents provided. Councilman Johnson said the only thing discussed in the ordinance is changing the zoning. Councilman Johnson asked if there would be an enforceable commitment in the ordinance to require the developer to make this a veteran's project. Mr. Edge said their request and the ordinance only addresses the change of zoning and the anticipated use. Mr. Edge said that sometime the anticipated use does not pan out, but the ordinance provides the framework of what the uses that are allowed on the property. Mr. Edge said that the approvals would be done at staff level to make sure that the uses match what is approved and Mr. Edge said he would approve the

phases as they came through. Councilman Johnson asked Attn. Wes Jones, if something could be added stating the project was devoted to the veterans or would the zoning change give the developers a blank check to do whatever is allowed in the zoning designation. Mr. W. Jones said that the center for the disabled veterans has been discussed as to what will go into the center. Mr. W. Jones said that in the initial analysis that language is not included and is what the PDD is all about. Councilman Johnson asked what happens if they decide not to do this for the veterans and what can be done to this document to make sure the purpose is to help the veterans. Councilman Sauls said he is fine with it if it is for the veterans. Mr. W. Jones said the PDD document would have to be done over. Vice Chairwoman Clark asked if it is written in the PDD. Mr. W. Jones said the PDD and the concept map is what it is all about. Chairman Etheridge said he is not against the development, but he is concerned that what the Planning Commission approved and what the Council is looking at are not the same. Chairman Etheridge said the Planning Commission said a traffic study by SCDOT was a must and there are more dwellings listed in this document than what the planning commission approved. Ms. Rigg said the previous study could not be found and it was done 20 years ago. Chairman Etheridge said a 20 year study would not be any good. Ms. Rigg addressed that the plan and the number of units that the Planning Commission discussed are what they intend to build and the engineer provided what capacity could be built. Mr. Edge said that he would approve the stages as they came through his office. Ms. Rigg said they have another location for a 2nd waste water plant if needed. Chairman Etheridge said the Council needed to do what the Planning Commission requested and they asked that certain things be included and they have not been and things in the plan the Council received are not the same as what the planning commission sent forward to the County Council. Chairman Etheridge said the number changed from 93 units to 130 units in 5 phases. Chairman Etheridge said the council needed to meet with the Planning Commission prior to approving this to make sure Mr. Edge has what is needed. Chairman Etheridge said the Independence Fund is not mentioned. Mr. W. Jones said that the final review has to be done and this is only a conceptual plan, not the PDD. Chairman Etheridge said this ordinance is to approve the changing of zoning for a PDD and to adopt the master plan. Councilman Johnson asked if the plan received by Council was consistent with the plan recommended by the Planning Commission. Mr. Edge said it was consistent with what the Planning Commission recommended, however, it was more refined and clarifies some of the issues. Councilman Johnson said that a traffic analysis and a traffic study are not the same thing. Mr. Edge said that at this point of the development, a traffic analysis is all that is needed. Mr. Edge said that SCDOT cannot approve it because there is no construction plan analysis; it is only a conceptual plan. Vice Chairwoman Clark asked why is so hard to get a traffic study done. Mr. Johnson said the traffic analysis they received was done by Mr. Morrison, not SCDOT. Vice Chairwoman Clark asked if the Planning Commission received a copy of the traffic analysis and Mr. Edge said they did not because it was only provided to the staff because the

Planning Commission asked for the traffic study. Chairman Etheridge said the entrance was discussed and if rezoned the approval gives the applicant to develop as presented. Chairman Etheridge asked if the Independence Fund has to do the development or can the development be transferred to anyone. Mr. Edge said that it can be transferred and the intent is for the Independence Fund to develop the property, but the zoning describes what is allowed if this is approved. Anything that is allowed in a PDD can be built. Chairman Etheridge said a traffic study is needed to approve a PDD. Chairman Etheridge said they are being asked to approve something the Planning Commission did not approve. Chairman Etheridge said the Council needed to meet with the Planning Commission before moving forward. Councilman Johnson said that Mr. Knowles amended his motion to include the traffic study and it is not included. Councilman Sauls said he was disappointed that the staff did not have this ready. Councilman Drayton said that everything needs to be reconciled with the Planning Commission and the Council. Vice Chairwoman Clark said that the Council should not vote against the Planning Commission's recommendations and that the Council nor the Planning Commission had all the necessary and requested documents, like the traffic study. Vice Chairwoman Clark said the Council was here to do business and it needed to be done in the right way. Vice Chairwoman Clark said this should have gone back to the Planning Commission before it was brought to Council. Mr. Fulghum said that at this point a traffic analysis is appropriate and if the Council wanted one done at the developer's expense, and to make sure it was correct, one could be done. Mr. Fulghum explained that the Council is being asked to approve a rezoning and the rezoning is not specific to any one project. Mr. Marvin Jones provided the Council with a summary of this development which started many years ago. Mr. Marvin Jones said that in 2007 the Council tried to make it fit and now Palm Key wants to change the current zoning. Mr. M. Jones said the Master Plan that was presented to the Planning Commission was owner drafted and had a numerous inconsistencies. Mr. M. Jones said that the Independence Fund may only develop a portion of the property and they may be back with another plan. Mr. M. Jones said the Planning Commission wanted a traffic study. Mr. M. Jones said the master plan needed to be corrected to correct the inconsistencies. Mr. M. Jones said the Council can approve a Master Plan that was not approved by the Planning Commission and the Council can change things. Mr. M. Jones said a traffic study has many phases and it would go back to staff for the staff to review. Mr. M. Jones said the Master Plan presented is a conceptual plan and it is not complete enough to do a traffic study. Chairman Etheridge said the Planning Commission approved about half of what the Master Plan presented and the Master Plan said 93 units. Mr. Edge said at the 1st reading of the ordinance is was the same as the Planning Commission required and then a Development Agreement was requested. Mr. Edge said that an engineer was hired to redo the document and the intent did not change and the additional units were added by the engineer. Councilman Drayton said the Council only approves the zoning change and the staff approves everything else. Mr. Edge said the PDD and the Concept

Plan include the smaller number of units and the 2nd level of commercial development is site specific and the staff will approve it. Councilman Drayton said why have a Planning Commission if the staff approves it and Mr. Edge said the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Council. Councilman Johnson said a traffic study was requested and that is what should have been done. Vice Chairwoman Clark said that only one person answers to Council and if this is not done right, he can pack up his bags. Mr. Fulghum said that the project cannot be tied to the zoning and he cannot speak as to what the Planning Commission meant. Chairman Etheridge said that 93 maximum units are referred to on page 10, but Phase 5 adds up to 136 units. Mr. Edge said each phase has a certain number of units and if the document says 93 units, that is all the zoning will approve and there cannot be anymore. Mr. Edge said that when they reach 93 units the development will be completed. Ms. Rigg told the Council that when this started, she did the PDD guided by Mr. Edge. Ms. Rigg said after the Planning Commission approved it, she hired Mr. Wes Jones and Thomas and Hutton to do the PDD with a maximum of 93 units and their recommendation was that things can change and added the other units and that Mr. Edge would have to approve and that would have allowed for flexibility . Ms. Rigg said that it was never her intention to change the original application. Ms. Riggs said she was serious about getting this project underway and would make adjustments that the Council requests. Ms. Rigg said she felt the traffic analysis provided what was needed. Ms. Rigg said they hoped to complete the project in 5 years. Ms. Rigg said that Mr. Leeder could discuss the project further. Councilman Johnson said the Council did not need to hear about the intentions from Mr. Leeder. Chairman Etheridge asked if the Planning Commission had the same documents that the Council had tonight. Mr. Edge responded that the documents were going to the planning commission to see what they had to say. Vice Chairwoman Clark said there needed to be a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and the County Council. Councilman Johnson asked if the 3rd reading was subject to the Planning Commission decision. Marvin Jones recommended that it be sent back to the Planning Commission and to have a called joint meeting of the Planning Commission prior to the next County Council meeting. Barbara Bartoldus commented that zoning is important to the County and spot zoning is not good. Ms. Bartoldus said that this is a good project that started off the wrong way. Ms. Bartoldus said that to give commercial zoning you needed to be guided by wetlands, marshes and there are no descriptions on it and a lot of inconsistencies. Ms. Bartoldus said that the Planning Commission was not given this information that the Council received and this project has been going on since 1989 and everything is different and the Council has to be cognizant of what changing the zoning will do. Ms. Bartoldus told the Council if they approved what was presented, then the developer can do whatever they want. Ms. Bartoldus said the Planning Commission is just as confused and they have been provided very little information when it was presented to them.

The Chairman instructed Mr. Edge to schedule a joint meeting of the Council and the Planning Commission prior to the next Council meeting.

The workshop ended at 5:35 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairman Henry Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Councilman Theodus Drayton

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Attorney Marvin Jones, Judith Frank, Clerk to Council, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

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CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Etheridge called the Council to order and said there was a need to go into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – **Councilman Johnson motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim –Jasper Ocean Terminal, Ridgeland Airport, property at Cypress Ridge Business Industrial Park, Peninsula Tract Development; discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by a public body - Project Leader, Project Truman; discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, Discipline or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving an employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly nothing, contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of other employees or client’s records that are submitted for use at the hearing – Auditor’s Office. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.**

The Council took a dinner break.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – Councilman Johnson motioned and Vice Chairman Clark seconded the motion to return to open session.

Chairman Etheridge said no action was necessary as a result of executive session.

7:00 P.M.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairman Henry Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Councilman Theodus Drayton

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Attorney Marvin Jones, Judith Frank, Clerk to Council, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

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CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Etheridge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Chairman Etheridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION – Vice Chairwoman Clark gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – Vice Chairwoman Clark motioned and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 09/03/13 AND 09/16/13 – Vice Chairwoman Clark motioned and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 09/03/13 and 09/16/13. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS - None

ORDINANCES

LeNOLON EDGE – 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 094-00-00-055, 094-00-00 A -100, 094-00-00-101, 094-00-00-115, 094-05-02-001, 094-05-03-071, 094-05-04-001, 094-06-00-027, 094-06-00-028, AND 094-06-00-031 LOCATED GENERALLY ALONG KNOWLES ISLAND ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL AND RURAL PRESERVATION ZONES TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONE AND TO ADOPT A MASTER PLAN SUBMITTAL FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPERTIES; KNOWN GENERALLY AS PALM KEY – Councilman Sauls motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion to table this ordinance for further consideration. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Chairman Etheridge said this ordinance would be back on the agenda in 2 weeks after the Council met jointly with the Planning Commission.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A THIRD AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-09, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED AND RESTATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 09-20, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-17, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, USE, LEASING, AND RENOVATION OF CERTAIN COUNTY FACILITIES; APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BONDS, CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; AUTHORIZING THE

REFUNDING, REDEMPTION, OR DEFEASANCE OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS FOR DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS; CONSENTING TO THE FORM OF TRUST AGREEMENTS BETWEEN ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION AND THE CORPORATE TRUSTEE; THE LEASE OF EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES AND CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND THE BUILDINGS AND OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON BY JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION, INCLUDING AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A BASE LEASE AGREEMENT, BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PUBLIC FACILITIES PURCHASE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AND AUTHORIZING ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PUBLIC FACILITIES PURCHASE AND OCCUPANCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO RIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO – Mr. Malphrus explained that the ordinance was to renew the BANS and the bond counsel recommended paying down \$650,000 of the bond since they are getting such a low interest rate. Mr. Malphrus said by doing this, the County would save about \$800,000 in interest over the term on the bond. Chairman Etheridge said that the County would not be borrowing any additional funds. Councilman Drayton motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion that this be the 2nd reading of an ordinance for a third amendment to and restatement of Ordinance no. 09-09, as previously amended and restated by Ordinance no. 09-20, and Ordinance no. 2011-17, authorizing the execution and delivery of certain instruments relating to the acquisition, construction, equipping, use, leasing, and renovation of certain county facilities; approving the formation of the St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; approving the issuance of St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation installment purchase revenue bonds, certificates of participation and bond anticipation notes; authorizing the refunding, redemption, or defeasance of certain obligations for debt service savings; consenting to the form of trust agreements between St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation and the Corporate Trustee; the lease of equipment and vehicles and certain real property and the buildings and other site improvements located thereon by Jasper County, South Carolina to St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation, including authorizing the execution and delivery of a base lease agreement, between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; authorizing the execution and delivery of a public (facilities purchase and occupancy agreement between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; authorizing the execution and delivery of a lease agreement between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; and other matters relating thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

ANDREW FULGHUM – 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND THE AGREEMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY,

SOUTH CAROLINA AND HAMPTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY IN JASPER COUNTY AS PART OF THE MULTI--COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK and ANDREW FULGHUM – 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OR SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS TO PROJECT LEADER; AUTHORIZING AN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND PROJECT LEADER; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FEES-IN-LIEU OF TAXES AVAILABLE UNDER THE AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT COUNTY INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK WITH HAMPTON COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS THERETO - Mr. Fulghum said the Council discussed Project Leader in executive session and the name of the prospect will be listed in the ordinance prior to the 3rd reading. Mr. Fulghum explained that both ordinances were related to Project Leader and would need separate motions. Councilman Sauls motioned and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the 1st reading of an ordinance to further amend the agreement for establishment of multi-county industrial/business park, by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Hampton County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a jointly owned and operated industrial/business park, so as to include additional property in Jasper County as part of the multi--county industrial/business park. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Councilman Sauls motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion that this be the 1st reading of an ordinance providing for infrastructure or special source revenue credits to Project Leader; authorizing an infrastructure credit agreement between Jasper County and Project Leader; providing for the allocation of fees-in-lieu of taxes available under the agreement for development of a joint county industrial/business park with Hampton County; and other matters thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

RESOLUTIONS – None.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – WILBER DALEY PRESENTATION OF FIRE PLAN - Mr. Daley said he and his staff worked on this plan with Mr. Fulghum and Mr. Malphrus. Mr. Daley provided the Council with a copy of the Power Point presentation explaining the Emergency Service Plan. Mr. Daley said the goal was to bring the ISO ratings down in the rural areas of the County. Mr. Daley explained the way ISO ratings are determined. Mr. Daley said that he needed 5 new tankers and 27 volunteers to make the plan work. Mr. Daley said that the JCFR are all trained and he discussed buying additional tankers to get the water to the fires. Mr. Daley explained where the existing stations are located and provided a map of where 11 sub-stations should be located in the future. Mr. Daley said it would cost \$3,575,000 to build the 11 sub-stations and put a fire engine in each sub-station. Mr. Daley said in order for this fire plan to work they would need an additional 48 volunteers or 48 paid personnel. Mr. Daley said the proposed plan for the existing stations is to buy 5 additional tankers at a cost of \$150,000 per year for 7 years and to recruit 17 volunteers. Mr. Daley requested \$10,000 to hold events and improve and increase community involvement. Mr. Daley discussed ideas for the recruitment and retention of volunteers and he said he would like to add on additional person at a cost of \$49,000 annually to be the volunteer coordinator, quartermaster and public information officer. Mr. Daley said 6 volunteers were needed at each of the following stations - Grays, Tillman, Point South and Firetower Road. Mr. Daley said more

volunteers would be better, but this is the minimum number needed. Mr. Daley discussed the proposed automatic aid agreement with Hampton County for the Rivershill and Stokes Bluff areas. Mr. Daley discussed that new stations in the Bolan Hall area, Tarboro area, Purrysburg area and the Sandhill area are projected for the future and it would cost about \$800,000 per station to build and equip the station. Mr. Daley said they received one proposal to outsource the ambulance service and it would cost an additional \$350,000 over current cost to outsource. Mr. Daley discussed new locations for the ambulances and that new ambulances would be needed in the near future. It was the consensus of the Council that they will review the presentation and they felt it was well done. The Council thanked the staff for a job well done and the Council will do what they can for the citizens of Jasper County. Councilman Sauls congratulated Mr. Daley and said the initial goal was to recruit volunteers to drive the tankers to lower the ISO ratings. Vice Chairwoman Clark said she thought it was a good plan, but she had some concerns and the positions needed to be looked at carefully. Vice Chairwoman Clark said they needed to get volunteers and they needed to know how to treat the volunteers. Councilman Drayton said when he first came on Council he wanted a plan and congratulated Mr. Daley on the outstanding job that was done on the Firetower Road Fire Station. Councilman Sauls motioned and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to move forward with drafting volunteers, purchasing 5 additional tankers, work on the ISO water shuttle and to task the administrator on how to finance this project. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Vice Chairwoman Clark said the Council needed a timeline for this project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Councilman Sauls reported on the upcoming events being hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Sauls updated the Council on the permitting process for the port. Vice Chairwoman Clark reported on the meetings she attended and said she met with Mr. Edge concerning cleaning up the County. Vice Chairwoman Clark also informed the citizens that Mr. Doug Graham, Levy Fire Chief, was recognized for his 28 years of volunteer fire service by Sun City. Councilman Johnson reported on a meeting with Governor Haley regarding the Port. Councilman Johnson also reported on the home detention program that is being considered to save the taxpayers money. Councilman Drayton said he met with the Tarboro community and they are anxious to get things started and they would like the Council to hold a meeting in Tarboro. Chairman Etheridge said he also attended the meeting with Gov. Haley regarding the Jasper Port. Chairman Etheridge said the Planning Commission was working on the Comprehensive Plan and Mr. Edge was working on a clean-up event.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – Mr. Fulghum said he provided the Council with information on affordable housing and that some units were being refurbished. Mr. Fulghum provided a power point presentation of the Council’s goals and how the staff was working on meeting those goals.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC - PER ORDINANCE 08-17 ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES (TOTAL PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES) Chairman Etheridge opened the floor to the public. **LeRoy Dinkins** – commented on his concern regarding to the response time of EMS to the youth ball games. Mr. Dinkins questioned why an ambulance is not stationed at the ball games. Chairman Etheridge said the Council

will look into it and that EMS would have the actual records for them to review. Being no further comments, Chairman Etheridge closed the floor to the public.

ADJOURN – Vice Chairwoman Clark motioned and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

Henry Etheridge
Chairman