



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND SC., 29936**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APRIL 2, 2012, 3:30 P.M. WORKSHOP

DAVID JIROUSEK – POINT SOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PLAN

MR. JIROUSEK PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT AND EXPLAINED WHAT HAS BEEN DONE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WAS WORKING WITH POINT SOUTH PROPERTIES AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECHARGE THE EFFORT AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME GOALS INCORPORATED IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PROPERTY OWNERS ARE PREPARING TO MARKET POINT SOUTH FOR INDUSTRIES AND ACTIVITIES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE REQUESTING AN OVERLAY DISTRICT IN POINT SOUTH FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY PLAN TO CREATE TARGET CLUSTERS FOR DEVELOPMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE LONG RANGE PLANS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS \$27,000,000. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT A-TAX FUNDS COULD FUND PART OF THE IMPROVEMENTS. MR. JIROUSEK PROVIDED A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THOMAS AND HUTTON DID A STUDY FOR WATER, SEWER, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT, TELECOMMUNICATION, RAIL AND NATURAL GAS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT NATURAL GAS WAS AVAILABLE 21,000 FEET FROM THE SITE. MR. BARRENEAU AND MS. FROST ADDRESSED THE ASSETS AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE LOCATION AND THE VARIOUS MEANS OF MARKETING THEY PLAN TO USE TO MARKET THE AREA. MR. BARRENEAU LISTED THE VARIOUS TYPES OF INDUSTRIES AND SERVICES THAT WOULD BE TARGETED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE WERE ZONING BARRIERS THAT NEEDED TO BE LIFTED AND THEY HAVE FILED A ZONING REQUEST THAT WILL GO BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FOR SUPPORT AND HELP FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO FIND WAYS TO FINANCE A STUDY FOR TAX DISTRICTS AND TO PRIORITIZE POINT SOUTH FOR NATURAL GAS EXTENSION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT HOW MUCH LAND WAS INVOLVED AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID ABOUT 300 ACRES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE CURRENT WATER AND SEWER CAPACITY IS ONLY AT 25 % AND THE NATURAL GAS IS ABOUT 4 MILES AWAY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA FEEL ABOUT WHAT IS BEING PLANNED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ESPECIALLY IF A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT IS CREATED. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPE OF TAX DISTRICTS THAT CAN BE USED THAT WOULD NOT INCREASE THE PEOPLE'S TAXES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THESE TAXES COULD PAY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ON THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES COULD BE ADDED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT IN 2010 THE COUNTY HAD A STUDY DONE REGARDING TAX DISTRICTS AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW A FINANCIAL STUDY COULD BE PAID FOR. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON COMMENTED THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL INNOVATIVE WAYS TO FINANCE THE STUDY AND MR. JIROUSEK DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS WAYS AND HE WANTED TO WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATION ON HOW IT COULD BE FUNDED AND WHAT WOULD BE THE NEXT STEP. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S INVOLVEMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WILL BE WORKING ON IT AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR THE INFORMATION. THE WORKSHOP ENDED AT 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON

OFFICIALS ABSENT: VICE CHAIRMAN MARTIN SAULS IV

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, CHIEF BUILDING INSPECTOR HERMAN SMITH, ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB, BUSINESS LICENSE DIRECTOR RENTY KITTY, HR DIRECTOR GLORIA LUCAS, PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JOHNNY DAVIS, DETENTION CENTER DIRECTOR ARTHUR BENJAMIN, ASSESSOR SUSAN WAITE, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, IT DIRECTOR EARL BOSTICK, JR.

STAFF ABSENT: DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR RHONDA MITCHELL, ROD PATSYE GREEN

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CALL TO ORDER - CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:15 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA –COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3/14/14, 3/19/12, and 3/23/12 COUNCIL MEETINGS – COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH ANY NECESSARY CORRECTIONS, IF ANY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF 3/14/2012 TO REFLECT THAT THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE SHERIFF REGARDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY, NOT JUST HIMSELF. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID MR. FULGHUM WAS TO FOLLOW UP ON THE SHERIFF'S PERSONNEL POLICY AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL AND HE ASKED MR. FULGHUM WHEN HE WAS GOING TO GET BACK TO THE COUNCIL. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE DID NOT RECALL OR KNOW WHAT TO FOLLOW UP ON, BUT HE WOULD PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AT THE NEXT MEETING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS A DIFFERENT POLICY THAT THEY FOLLOW AND MR. FULGHUM WAS TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH A COPY OF THE POLICY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT AT THE RETREAT THE COUNCIL AGREED TO MEET WITH

THE SHERIFF. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE MET WITH THE SHERIFF AND MR. FULGHUM WAS TO SET UP A MEETING FOR THE ENTIRE COUNCIL TO MEET WITH THE SHERIFF TO DISCUSS A BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIP. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE ONLY THING THE COUNCIL GOVERNS OVER THE SHERIFF IS HIS BUDGET AND HE CAN DO WHAT HE WANTS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WAS TRYING TO GET EVERYONE ON THE SAME PAGE. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR STAFF ARE NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNCIL AND THEY ARE NOT BOUND BY THE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHAT HAPPEN IF THIS SPREADS TO THE OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS COURT CASES AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS ON THIS MATTER. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL ONLY HAS CONTROL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS BUDGET.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION- DR. WICKS – ROYAL LIVE OAKS ACADEMY OF THE ARTS AND SCIENCES CHARTER SCHOOL – DR. WICKS WAS NOT PRESENT.

JILL BRIGGS AND MAJ. CHISOLM –UNITED WAY EDUCATION IMPACT AGENDA - MAJOR CHISOLM SAID THEY WERE NOT EXPECTING TO HAVE TO GIVE A PRESENTATION. MAJOR CHISOLM SAID THEY WERE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A PROCLAMATION. MAJOR CHISOLM SAID THEY WERE APPROACHING THE COUNCIL AS CITIZENS AND ASKING FOR THE COUNCIL’S SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT OF THE BEAUFORT AND JASPER COUNTY SCHOOLS. MAJOR CHISOLM SAID IT IS A HUGE AND WORTHWHILE UNDERTAKING. MS. BRIGGS EXPLAINED THE UNITED WAYS COMMITMENT TO REDUCE THE DROP OUT RATE BY 50% BY 2018 AND TO HAVE ALL 4TH GRADE STUDENTS READING ON GRADE LEVEL. MS. BRIGGS SAID THEY NEED TO RECRUIT 600 NEW VOLUNTEER MENTORS TO WORK WITH THE STUDENTS BY 2014. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS WAS CURRENTLY HAPPENING IN THE SCHOOLS. MS. BRIGGS SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE SCHOOLS AND HAVE THEIR SUPPORT. MS. BRIGGS SAID THEY HAVE TALKED WITH ALL THE TEACHERS FROM K-4 TO 4TH GRADE. MS. BRIGGS SAID THIS IS A NEW PROGRAM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT HEAD START AND FIRST STEPS. MS. BRIGGS SAID THIS PROGRAM WOULD BE A CONTINUANCE OF WHAT THEY ARE ALREADY DOING. MAJOR CHISOLM SAID THEY ALL NEEDED TO WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND USE WHAT IS PROVIDED AND FOCUS ON THE FACT THE CHILDREN GET THE BEST POSSIBLE EDUCATION AND THEY NEED TO RECRUIT THE 600 MENTORS TO HELP OUT. MAJOR CHISOLM SAID IT WILL BE A TEAM EFFORT AND IT WILL NOT HAPPEN OVER NIGHT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW THEY ARE GOING TO REACH THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THEY SHOULD ONLY BE DISCUSSING JASPER COUNTY SCHOOLS, NOT BEAUFORT SCHOOLS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THIS PROGRAM FEEL UNDER THE UNITED WAY UMBRELLA THAT MS. COLLINS WORKED WITH. MS. BRIGGS SAID IT WAS. MS. BRIGGS SAID THIS PROGRAM IS OFFERED IN 20 OTHER AREAS AND THEY ARE FINDING OUT WHAT WORKS BEST AND THEY WILL BE WORKING WITH THE OLDER CHILDREN IN THE FUTURE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY PRESENTED MS. BRIGGS WITH A PROCLAMATION FOR THE UNITED WAY EDUCATION IMPACT AGENDA. DR. WASHINGTON THANKED THE UNITED WAY FOR THEIR COMMITMENT.

ORDINANCES

ANDREW FULGHUM –PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE FRAMPTON PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT – MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THIS IS THE FIRST OF

TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS NEEDED FOR THIS ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. MR. TONY ZINN, OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, EXPLAINED THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY AND HOW IT IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED AND A GOOD LOCATION FOR INDUSTRIES.

MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY RECORDS (2002) AND TO ADOPT SECTION 2-6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY - MR. JONES SAID THAT THE COUNTY CURRENTLY USES THIS RETENTION SCHEDULE AND BY PASSING THIS ORDINANCE IT MAKES IT THE OFFICIAL RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR ALL COUNTY OFFICES TO FOLLOW. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, THERE WERE NO COMMENTS, AND CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR COUNTY RECORDS (2002) AND TO ADOPT SECTION 2-6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF 0.17 ACRES AT CYPRESS RIDGE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY NEEDED TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY TO SCDOT IN ORDER TO CREATE THE TURNING LANE INTO THE CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK AND THE ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER AND THE SIGNATURE TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING, THERE WERE NO COMMENTS, AND CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF 0.17 ACRES AT CYPRESS RIDGE INDUSTRIAL PARK TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS

ANDREW FULGHUM - RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL, 2012 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA – MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS DONE EACH YEAR AND IS REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE APRIL, 2012 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH IN JASPER COUNTY.

ANDREW FULGHUM - RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 05-02 - MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS DONE EACH YEAR AND IS REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR THE COUNTY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PLAN HERETOFORE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION 05-02. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS -APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON NOMINATED DUCHETTE POLITE TO THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD. ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTED FOR DUCHETTE POLITE TO SERVE ON THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD.

NEW BUSINESS

RONNIE MALPHRUS – APPROVAL OF SMITH DATA FORMS AND SUPPLIES CONTRACT – MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE CONTRACT AND EXPLAINED THAT THE CONTRACT WILL GO INTO EFFECT IN JULY, 2012. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT IS \$10,405.30 WHICH IS ABOUT \$4,000 LESS THAN LAST YEAR BECAUSE THEY STILL HAD SOME OF THE ITEMS ON HAND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE QUESTIONED THE \$1,200 FOR FREIGHT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE ARE SEVERAL BOXES AND THE SHIPMENT ORIGINATES IN SPARTANBURG. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED MR. MALPHRUS TO TRY AND GET THE FREIGHT COSTS REDUCED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SMITH DATA CONTRACT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DALE TERRY – PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES EQUIPMENT - MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE PROPOSAL FOR LEASING NEW EQUIPMENT FOR PUBLIC WORKS. THE PROPOSAL HAD THREE SCENARIOS. THE SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL IS ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THE MINUTES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THIS IS A GOOD DEAL FOR THE COUNTY. MR. TERRY SAID IT WAS A GOOD DEAL. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION #3. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THE \$150,000 IS IN THE FISCAL 2012/2013 YEAR AND THE \$102,004 PAYMENT IS ALSO, MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE FELT THAT THIS SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL JULY TO GET THE MONEY AND MAKE THE PAYMENT AS IT WILL HELP NEXT YEARS BUDGET. MR. TERRY SAID HE WILL TALK TO THE REPRESENTATIVES AND HE FELT THEY COULD LOCK IN THE PRICES AND WAIT ON THE CHECK UNTIL JULY, 2012. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WAS APPROVED ALREADY AND FOR THE STAFF TO HANDLE IT TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE TO THE COUNTY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE REMINDED EVERYONE OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE PEOPLE FACING FORECLOSURE. HE ASKED ANYONE WHO NEEDED MORE INFORMATION TO CONTACT HIM. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CHECK INTO THE PROGRAM BECAUSE HE PROVIDED INFORMATION TO A CITIZEN AND THEY WERE TURNED DOWN. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM IS NOW REQUIRING ALL NEW HIRES TO WORK FOR 30 YEARS INSTEAD OF 28 YEARS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY REPORTED ON JASPER COUNTY DAY AT THE SENATE AND HE THANKED EVERYONE WHO WORKED SO HARD TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE JASPER COUNTY AND THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOBS.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT- MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT AND A PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE LAST TWO WEEKS. MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A WORK ORDER FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON FOR WORK ON THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PARKING LOT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FUNDED THE SHORTAGE. MR. FULGHUM

ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE WORK ORDER IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE WORK ORDER FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PARKING LOT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NOTIFIED THAT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WAS CONTESTING THE AMOUNT OF THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR DELAY OF WORK AT THE COURTHOUSE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ARCHITECT FELT THE DAMAGES WERE CORRECT AND MR. MALPHRUS TOLD THE COUNCIL IT COULD GO TO LITIGATION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS FELT THAT SOME OF THE DELAYS WERE NOT THEIR FAULT AND HE WANTED TO MAKE THE COUNCIL AWARE OF THE SITUATION.

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 GREGORY SAID HE WANTED THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT HIS REQUEST TO THE ADMINISTRATOR TO REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN WHEN HE IS OUT OF TOWN, TAKING A SICK DAY OR A VACATION DAY WAS NOT DONE FOR POLITICAL REASONS, IT WAS NOT SHOWBOATING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS TO NOTIFY THE CHAIRMAN BECAUSE SOMEONE HAS THE KNOW WHERE HE IS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. MS. DAVIDSON HAD SIGNED UP TO SPEAK, BUT SAID HER QUESTION WAS ANSWERED. CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 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 -INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY- THOMAS AND HUTTON CONTRACT 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 CLIENTS WHOSE RECORDS ARE SUBMITTED FOR USE AT THE HEARING -VACANT POSITION –
COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON 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

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THOMAS AND HUTTON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$95,500 FOR THE ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FOR WETLAND DELINEATION, CONSTRUCTION BUDGET AND DESIGN AND PERMITTING FOR THE CYPRESS RIDGE MASTER STORM WATER PROJECT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT PART OF THIS MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED FROM THE RDA FUNDS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE PARK AND IT WAS PART OF THE MOU WITH BE GREEN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ADJOURN- COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN