



**Minutes**  
**Sumter County Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 10, 2009, - Held at 6:00 p.m.**  
**County Administration Building County Council Chambers**  
**13 E. Canal Street, Sumter, SC**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. Chairman Vivian Fleming McGhaney, Council District #5
2. Vice Chairman Eugene Baten, Council District #7
3. Councilman Artie Baker, Council District #2
4. Councilman Larry Blanding, Council District #6
5. Councilman Jimmy Byrd, Council District #3
6. Councilman Charles T. Edens, Council District #4
7. Councilwoman Naomi D. Sanders, Council District #1

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary W. Blanding, Clerk To Council  
Johnathan Bryan, County Attorney  
Lorraine Dennis, Deputy Administrator  
George McGregor, Planning Director  
Carolina B. Richardson, Treasurer

William T. Noonan, County Administrator  
Gary Mixon, Deputy Administrator  
Keysa Rogers, Budget Analyst  
Rose Ford, Recreation and Parks Director  
Pamela Craven, Finance Director

**MEDIA PRESENT:**

The Item Newspaper - Gina Vasselli

**THE PUBLIC PRESENT:**

Approximately 21 members of the public were in attendance.

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney called Sumter County Council's meeting of November 10, 2009, to order.

**INVOCATION:** Chairwoman Vivian Fleming McGhaney gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** All in attendance repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the November 10, 2009, agenda with any additions, deletions, or as printed.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Vice Chairman Baten, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the November 10, 2009, agenda as amended by the Clerk to Council.

**ACTION ON REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2009, AND NOVEMBER 3, 2009, SPECIAL MEETING:** Chairwoman McGhaney stated that she would entertain a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of Sumter County Council held on October 27, 2009, and November 3, 2009.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Council Byrd, and unanimously carried by Council to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 27, 2009, and the November Special Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2009.

**LAND USE MATTERS AND REZONING REQUESTS -  
Planned Development/Rezoning Request -**

- (1) **RZ-09-06 - Third Reading - 1035 Cockerill Road - A Request To Rezone From Heavy Industrial (HI) To General Residential (GC); A One (1) Acre Parcel Located at 1035 Cockerill Road And Represented By Tax Map #208-00-03-022.**

Mr. McGregor, the Planning Director, stated that this request is to allow the rezoning of one acre parcel located on Cockerill Road to be rezoned from Heavy Industrial to General Residential. No changes have been made to this request since first reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd and unanimously carried by Council to grant third reading to this rezoning request.

- (2) **RZ-09-07 - First Reading - 1430 Peach Orchard Road - A Request To Rezone A +/- 4.79 Acre Parcel From General Commercial (GC) And Agricultural Conservation (AC) To General Commercial (GC). The Property Is Located At 1430 Peach Orchard Road And Represented By Tax Map #132-00-01-019.**

Mr. McGregor, stated that this request and the next request, RZ-09-08 are identical requests. However, the Planning Commission lists each request separate since there are different owners of the property. The applicant is requesting to rezone a +/-4.79 acre parcel that is split zoned from General Commercial (GC) and Agricultural Conservation (AC) to General Commercial (GC) to allow for full commercial development of this parcel.

He further stated that this parcel is west of Shaw Air Force Base with +/-725 ft. of frontage along Peach Orchard Rd. and approximately 300 ft. of lot depth. It is currently the site of a truck rental business that is operating out of a converted single-family residential structure. The overall development of the commercial portion of the site is grandfathered non-conforming in terms of parking lot development and landscaping requirements. The bulk of the parcel is buffered from Peach Orchard Rd. by a +/-10 ft. wide mature tree line. The interior of the parcel has several mature trees in the middle of a large field. To the west the parcel is abutted by woodlands that are not currently developed.

Also, Mr. McGregor said that the entirety of the parcel has been designated as GBD (General Business Development) in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan. The objective of this designation is to accommodate general and area-wide business activity in areas best suited for such purposes, and to minimize the impact of such development on neighboring properties, the transportation network, and environmental resources. Further, the objective is to encourage and promote the economic vitality of the community through strategic location and planning of commercial business uses.

The policy of the GBD designation is to promote and permit through rezoning, business development of the areas so designated by the Plan Map. Most of these areas already contain businesses and commercial establishments and are zoned accordingly. The parcel under review is situated on an arterial corridor that serves Shaw Air Force Base and the immediate rural areas to the west of Shaw. This parcel has already been partially designated for commercial development as part of a designation process that reviewed key corridors in the community that were targeted for commercial development. As such, the rezoning of the entirety of the parcel to GC is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan.

Based on the existing pattern of commercial development in the vicinity and the Comprehensive Plan Designation on this parcel, Planning Staff recommends approval of this request. After all comments, Council took action on first reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd and unanimously carried by Council to approve first reading on this matter.

- (3) **RZ-09-08 - First Reading - 1340 Peach Orchard Road - A Request To Rezone A +/- 5.0 Acre Parcel From General Commercial (GC) And Agricultural Conservation (AC) to General Commercial (GC). The Property Is Located At 1340 Peach Orchard Road And Represented By Tax Map #132-09-02-019.**

Mr. McGregor stated that this request is exactly like RZ-09-07; however, it is a separate parcel. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this request. After all comments, Council took action on first reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Byrd and unanimously carried by Council to approve first reading on this matter.

- (4) **RZ-09-09 - First Reading - 1241 N. Main Street - A Request To Rezone +/- 1.419 Acres From General Residential (GR) To Limited Commercial (LC). The Property Is Located At 1241 N. Main Street And Represented By Tax Map #230-12-02-025.**

The Planning Director, George McGregor, stated that the Applicant requests to rezone a one-point-four acre (1.4 ac.) parcel from GR (General Residential) to LC (Limited Commercial) in order to build a Dollar General Retail Store on the site.

The approximate 1.4 acre parcel (the "Property") is located at 1241 N. Main St. on the northeast corner of the intersection of Nandina Rd. and N. Main St, across from Airport Road. The Property abuts residential properties to the north and east. South of the Property across Nandina Rd. is a BP Gas Station at the corner and a residential property; As seen in the zoning map (above right), the parcel is now zoned GR (General Residential) with several

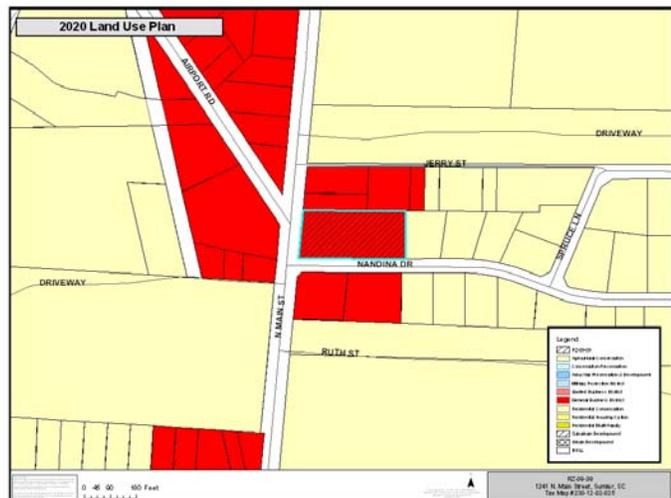


parcels at the intersection zoned GC (General Commercial).

The 2020 Comprehensive Plan designates this area as GBD (General Business District). This is an inclusive business designation. The objective of the GBD is to accommodate general and area-wide business activity in areas best suited for such purposes, and to minimize the impact of such development on neighboring properties, the transportation network, and environmental resources. Further, the objective is to encourage and promote the economic vitality of the community through strategic location and planning of commercial and business uses (p. 111).

To carry out this objective, a policy of applying protective commercial zoning was advocated for the several areas within the community. Some of these areas are undeveloped at this time and were recommended to retain their rural characteristics until such time as commercial development is proposed.

As shown in the Comprehensive Plan Map to the left, the Property under review, as well as adjacent parcels, are identified in the 2020 Comprehensive Plan as being suitable for commercial use. In addition, the Property is adjacent to established commercial uses. Rezoning to Limited Commercial (LC) is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan.



The Planning Staff and the Planning staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the request as presented. The Comprehensive Plan supports this plan in this location. After all comments, Council took action on first reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Edens and unanimously carried by Council to approve first reading on this matter.

- (5) **09-698 - Second Reading/Public Hearing - An Ordinance Adopting A Comprehensive Plan For Sumter County Entitled "2030 Comprehensive Plan." Pursuant To The S. C. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act Of 1994, As Specifically Required By Section 6-29-310, et seq. (Prior To Action On Second Reading, Council Will Hold A Public Hearing On This Matter.)**

Mr. McGregor stated that this is second reading and public hearing for the 2030 Comprehensive Plan. He added that this plan is required as set forth by South Carolina State Law. A public hearing was advertised as required by State Law and local ordinance requirements. The Comprehensive Plan represents Sumter's long range vision for this County and it is the guide for growth and development. It is the basis for making land use decision and direct growth in the community. The Comprehensive Plan takes the form of a

map as well as a planning document which has goals, policies and implementation measures.

Copies of the draft of the Comprehensive Plan is available to the public in the Planning Department, the Clerk to Council's Office, and on-line. After comments from the Planning Director, the Chairwoman convened a public hearing on this matter.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Chairwoman McGhaney asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this proposed ordinance. The following persons spoke during public hearing.

- Mr. Ferdinand Burns stated that he realizes that this is only a plan and his reason for being present is in hopes to redirect the priorities of Sumter County Council. He stated that the 2030 Plan will create two Sumter's; one white and one black, one economically deprived, and one economically sound; one highly educated with great resources and one with limited educational opportunities and resources, one with infrastructure continuing to be rehabilitated; one poor infrastructure without the possibility of rehabilitated infrastructure; one with the Plan with resources, one without the Plan without resources; one with investors receiving tax breaks, and one where investors are not encouraged to develop; two unequal societies and two unequal communities; one resources; one poor. This is what this Comprehensive Plan does and promotes. Page six states that race in Sumter is geographical segregated rated and often concentrated. There has been a continuous move away from the census tract which traditionally held a lot of the minority population. This migration has led to the decline in infrastructure, housing, and overall quality of life. This Plan continues to move west and to leave the African American and poor white communities with poor infrastructure, poor housing, and poor quality of life. On page 8CR10, it says that during the last two decades, Sumter has grown in a Westward fashion away from the downtown and towards Shaw AFB and Columbia...the westward expansion not only neglects south Sumter, but it also neglects the historic district as well... Mr. Burns further stated that this Plan directs development towards areas that are already in place. He said during the last 60+ years Sumter has propitiated two societies, one black, one white, one economically sound, one economically deprived. One society that is highly educated with great resources, one with limited educational opportunities and resources, one with infrastructure, one with poor infrastructure without the possibility of rehabilitation, one with the Plan with resources, one without the Plan without resources; one with investors receiving tax breaks, and one where investors are not encouraged to develop; two unequal societies and two unequal communities; one resources; one poor. Just for the record, Mr. Burns took a City official and someone from the local media on an extensive tour of South Sumter. He further stated that he is not sure if they have the courage to write about it, to show the public this corridor of shame. He asked Council to redirect "go west young man." Please redirect your priorities.
- Mr. Gary Hallmark stated that he lives at 1110 Cutleaf Drive and he is a certified Planner by profession and he is speaking as a private citizen. He said that he assisted the staff of the Planning Department with the draft of this Comprehensive Plan based

on his credentials. He further stated that this is a sound plan and one of the best plans he has seen during his 30+ years as a Planner.

- Mr. Jay Davis stated that he is in support of the Plan and that he also was the Chairman of the Committee to help develop the plan which took over a year to come to this point. He thanked Mr. McGregor and his staff for all their work as well as the task force.

There being no further comments, the Chairwoman closed the public hearing. Vice Chairman Baten asked to read a statement of his Vision of Sumter (see attached document.) After all comments, Council took action on second reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens and seconded by Councilman Byrd to amend the Comprehensive Plan by removing the Implementation Section of the Plan and grant second reading. (The Council members withdrew their motion and second.)

After discussion of this matter concerning the State Law requirements to have an Implementation Section of the Plan, another motion was granted.

**ACTION:** (The previous motion was withdrawn) MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Byrd to defer second reading until the next meeting and to schedule another Public Hearing for December 8, 2009, at which time third reading will be scheduled. (This will allow time for the County Attorney and the Planning Director to research whether or not a County can adopt a Comprehensive Plan without an Implementation Section and if not, why.)

#### **Street Name Change - None**

#### **Grant Awards -**

#### **OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS -**

- (1) An Ordinance Authorizing A Permanent Easement And Right-Of-Way To FTC Diversified Services, Inc. On Durant Lane.

Prior to the public hearing, the County Administrator presented additional information concerning this matter (listed under Old Business). Then the Chairwoman convened a public hearing. She asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or opposition to this ordinance. No one spoke; therefore, she closed the public hearing and Council took action on second reading.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- (1) First Reading - 09-697 - An Ordinance To Amend The Area In The Wedgefield-Stateburg Rural Community Water District.

The County Attorney presented the proposed ordinance to Council as listed below. He asked Council members to consider approving first reading to the ordinance to allow for

the boundaries of this Water District to be amended. After review of the ordinance and all comments, Council took action on first reading.

*WHEREAS*, The Wedgefield-Stateburg Rural Community Water District was created by the General Assembly by Act #1022 of the Regular Sessions of 1964 and by Act #65 of the Regular Sessions of 1967; and

*WHEREAS*, the area of the Wedgefield-Stateburg Rural Community Water District was described in Act #65 of the Regular Sessions of 1967; and

*WHEREAS*, Article VIII, Section 7 of the South Carolina Constitution, ratified on March 7, 1973, prohibits the General Assembly from enacting "special legislation" or laws which affect only one county; and

*WHEREAS*, the General Assembly enacted Act #283 in 1975, commonly referred to as the Home Rule Act, which is codified in Section 4-9-10 through 4-9-1230, Code of Laws of South Carolina,(1976, as amended); and

*WHEREAS*, Section 4-9-30(5)(g), Code of Laws of South Carolina states:  
Any special taxing district created prior to the effective date of this act pursuant to this subsection, the creation of which would have been valid but for any inconsistency in or constitutional infirmity of this subsection as codified at the time of such creation, is hereby created and declared to be valid, and its existence is confirmed as of the date of its prior creation; provided, however, that any such special taxing district shall be subject to all provisions of this subsection as provided for in this act, including without limitation item (e).

*WHEREAS*, the County Council for Sumter County finds that it is in the best interest of Sumter County to amend the area of the Wedgefield-Stateburg Rural Community Water District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:**

That Act #65 of the Regular Session of the General Assembly of 1967 is hereby revised, and, where in conflict with this ordinance, repealed and the following shall be the ordinance of the County of Sumter establishing the area of the Wedgefield-Stateburg Rural Community Water District.

1. The original district included and was comprised of the following territory:

The District will extend one and three-quarters  $1 \frac{3}{4}$  miles East and West of the Center line of S. C. Highway no. 261, from a point one and one-half ( $1 \frac{1}{2}$ ) miles South of the center line intersection of S. C. Highway No. 261 and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at Wedgefield, South Carolina, to a point on the center line of S. C. Highway NO. 261, one and three-quarters ( $1 \frac{3}{4}$ ) miles North of the center line

intersection of U.S. Highway No. 76; and shall include all the area enclosed within the above describe boundaries.

2. The following area is hereby excluded from the Wedgefield-Stateburg Rural Community Water District and it shall be included in the service area of the High Hills Water Company:

ALL that piece, parcel or lot of land, lying and being in the Stateburg Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown on a plat by D.D. Edmunds, R.L.S., dated May 26, 1988, recorded in the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, in Plat Book 89 at Page 699, and being more particularly described by reference to said plat as follows: All lands bounded on the North by the main water line of Beech Creek; on the West by the eastern boundary of the right-of-way of S.C. Highway 261; on the East by the western boundary of the right-of-way of Barnwell Drive; and on the South as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located on the western boundary of the right-of-way of Barnwell Drive, which pin is located approximately 360 feet South of the intersection of the main water line of Beech Creek with Barnwell Drive; and running along the northern boundary of property of Gillespie S 69° 35' 55" W for a distance of 421.90 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along the northern boundary of property of Stateburg Hills I Lake Corp., S 69° 23' 0" W for a distance of 1265.46 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along the northern boundary of said property of Stateburg Hills I Lake Corp., N 12° 52' 5" W for a distance of 420.43 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along the northern boundary of said property of Stateburg Hills I Lake Corp., S 69° 59' 5" W for a distance of 874.45 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along the eastern boundary of the property of Ellis N 20° 29' 55" W for a distance of 250.19 feet to an iron pin located on the southern boundary of a 50 foot right-of-way as shown on the above-referenced plat; thence turning and running along the southern boundary of said 50 foot right-of-way, and North of the property of Ellis N 69° 27' 0" E for a distance of 174.32 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along the southern boundary of said 50 foot right-of-way, and North of the property of Ellis S 83° 54' 5" E for a distance of 111.81 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along the southern boundary of said 50 foot right-of-way, and North of the property of Ellis S 60° 50' 21" E for a distance of 132.33 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along with northern boundary of the property of Ellis S 22° 11' 40" W for a distance of 116.33 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along said northern boundary of the property of Ellis S 20° 20' 45" E for a distance of 15.19 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along said northern boundary of the property of Ellis S 69° 24' 0" W for a distance of 535.27 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running along the western boundary of said property of Ellis S 20° 29' 0" E for a distance of 269.99 feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running S 69° 27' 15" W for a distance of 442.68 feet to an iron pin located along the eastern boundary of the right-of-way of S.C. Highway 261, which iron pin is located 548.27 feet South of an iron pin located at the intersection of the 50 foot right-of-way referred to above and the eastern boundary of the right-of-way of S.C. Highway 261; all said measurements being a little more or less.

PLUS, all of the area bounded as follows: on the South by the main water line of Beech Creek, on the east by Barnwell Drive, on the north by the original boundary of the District and on the West by S. C. Highway 261.

**See Attachment A – the area shown in green**

3. The following area is included in the Wedgefield-Stateburg Rural Community Water District, (ratifying the resolution of the Sumter County Council dated July 10, 2009):

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Byrd, seconded by Councilman Baker, and unanimously carried by Council to grant first reading to this ordinance as presented.

- (2) It May Be Necessary To Hold An Executive Session To Discuss A Personnel Matter, Receive A Legal Briefing, Or Discuss A Contractual Matter And Appropriate Actions May Be Required And Taken Thereafter.

No executive session was held.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- (1) Second Reading/Public Hearing - 09-696 - An Ordinance Authorizing A Permanent Easement And Right-Of-Way To FTC Diversified Services, Inc. On Durant Lane. (Prior To Action On Second Reading, Council Will Hold A Public Hearing On This Matter.)

The County Administrator informed Council that Farmers Telephone Company Diversified Services, Inc. has brought another proposal to the County asking that Council consider a smaller footprint on the property (40 x 40) and suggested that the County receive \$5,000 for the section.

After receiving the information, the Chairwoman convened a public hearing. After the public hearing, Council took action on second reading.

**ACTION:** MOTION was made by Councilman Edens, seconded by Councilman Baker, and carried by Council to deny second reading due to possible further development needs in this area. Councilwoman Sanders voted in opposition and Councilman Byrd excused himself from voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- (1) Fiscal Tax and Property Committee Meeting Held on Tuesday, **November 10, 2009, at 4:00 P.M. In County Council's Conference Room At The County Administration Building - (McGhaney, Blanding, and Edens).**

A. Update on Rural Fire Stations - No report given.

B. Update and Discussions On Building America Bonds (Two Types) - No report given.

C. Update and Discussions On Contractual Matter(s)

**Phase II Environmental Study for the Sumter Airport:** The Committee agreed to have an Airport Phase II Study completed and to direct pay for its portion of the funds from the County's Infrastructure Fund as well as ask the existing partners to pay the other half of the cost. The study is estimated at \$10,000.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation from the Committee as presented to allow an Environmental Study to be conducted at the Sumter Airport and to pay for the County's portion of the expense from the County's Infrastructure Fund as well as ask the existing partner to pay the other half of the cost.

**Land Swap:** The Committee agreed to direct the Administrator to develop a letter to be mailed to the City concerning land swap between the City and County to be signed by the Chairman.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

**Sumter County Sheriff's Department Computer Software:** The Committee agreed to allow \$300,000 to be secured from the County's Capital Improvement Fund to help fund the cost of purchase, installation, and maintenance of the Sheriff's Department Computer Software.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

**Sumter County Recreation Department Elevator And Electrical Upgrades:** The Committee agreed to allow \$350,000 to be secured from the County's Capital Improvement Fund to fund the cost of purchase, installation, etc. of an Elevator/Fire Escape/Electrical Upgrade Recreation Department.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

**441 Community Center:** The Committee agreed to allow \$500,000 to be secured from the County's Hospitality Fund to fund the cost of construction, etc. of the 441 Community Center.

**ACTION:** MOTION and second were received from the Committee and unanimously carried by Council to approve the recommendation as presented.

(2) Report From Council Members On Other Meetings, Trainings, and/or Conferences.

- **Liaison Committee** -- Councilwoman Sanders informed the group that the Liaison Committee met on Wednesday, November 4, 2009, and that the Committee discussed

the Airport Committee, Business License Department, and the swap of property between the City and County.

- **Delaine Community Center** - Councilwoman Sanders thanked Eddie Newman and George McGregor for attending a meeting at the Delaine Community Center.
- **Veterans Day** -- Vice Chairman Baten reminded the group that the Veterans Day Celebration will be held Wednesday, November 11, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. on the front steps of the Courthouse.
- **South Carolina Association Of Counties Coalition Meeting** - Chairwoman McGhaney attended the recent Coalition Meeting. She stated that the Legislative Draft Position Statements have been combined for most of the committees of SCAC and those Position Statements will go forth to the Legislature in January. She gave the Clerk to Council the booklet and asked Council members to see the Clerk if they have an interest to review the document.
- **COP Meeting** - Councilman Baker stated that he attended a COP meeting and there is an issue with the current Noise Ordinance. There is a community with a noise problem.

#### **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- Department Of The Air Force
- Recognition Of National Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month
- South Carolina Campaign To Prevent Teen Pregnancy News Release
- Letter To Colonel Joseph T. Guastella, Jr.
- Resolution For Captain Nicholas Gigilo
- Wedgefield Meat Processing
- Sumter Business Person Of the Year
- Sumter County Historical Commission
- Davidson and Lindemann, PA
- Sumter Volunteers, Inc.
- SCDOT Public Meeting
- Proposed South Lafayette Drive (US 15) Bridge Replacement Project Over CSX Railroads

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- **Detention Center Annual Audit:** The audit has been conducted and there are some concern pertaining to population. This matter will be corrected. However, the overall report was favorable.
- **Workers Compensation:** The County has been informed that the Workers Compensation claims have been reduced 75% over the last five years. This year alone, the claims should be reduced by \$30,000.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Mrs. Helen Patnode spoke to Council about the needs of the south eastern portion of Sumter County. She said that the community needs water and they need it badly. Three miles from her home, the water company turned and took the water elsewhere. She asked Council to please help her community.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business and no additional comments from the public, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. after a motion, a second, and unanimously carried by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian Fleming Mcghaney*  
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Chairman or Vice Chairman  
Sumter County Council

*Mary W. Blanding*  
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Clerk to County Council  
Sumter County Council

Approved: **November 24, 2009**

I certify that public and media notification of the above-mentioned meeting was given prior thereto as follows:

Public Notified: Yes

Manner Notified: Agendas posted on bulletin board on third floor of the Administration Building.

Date Posted: November 5, 2009

Media Notified: Yes

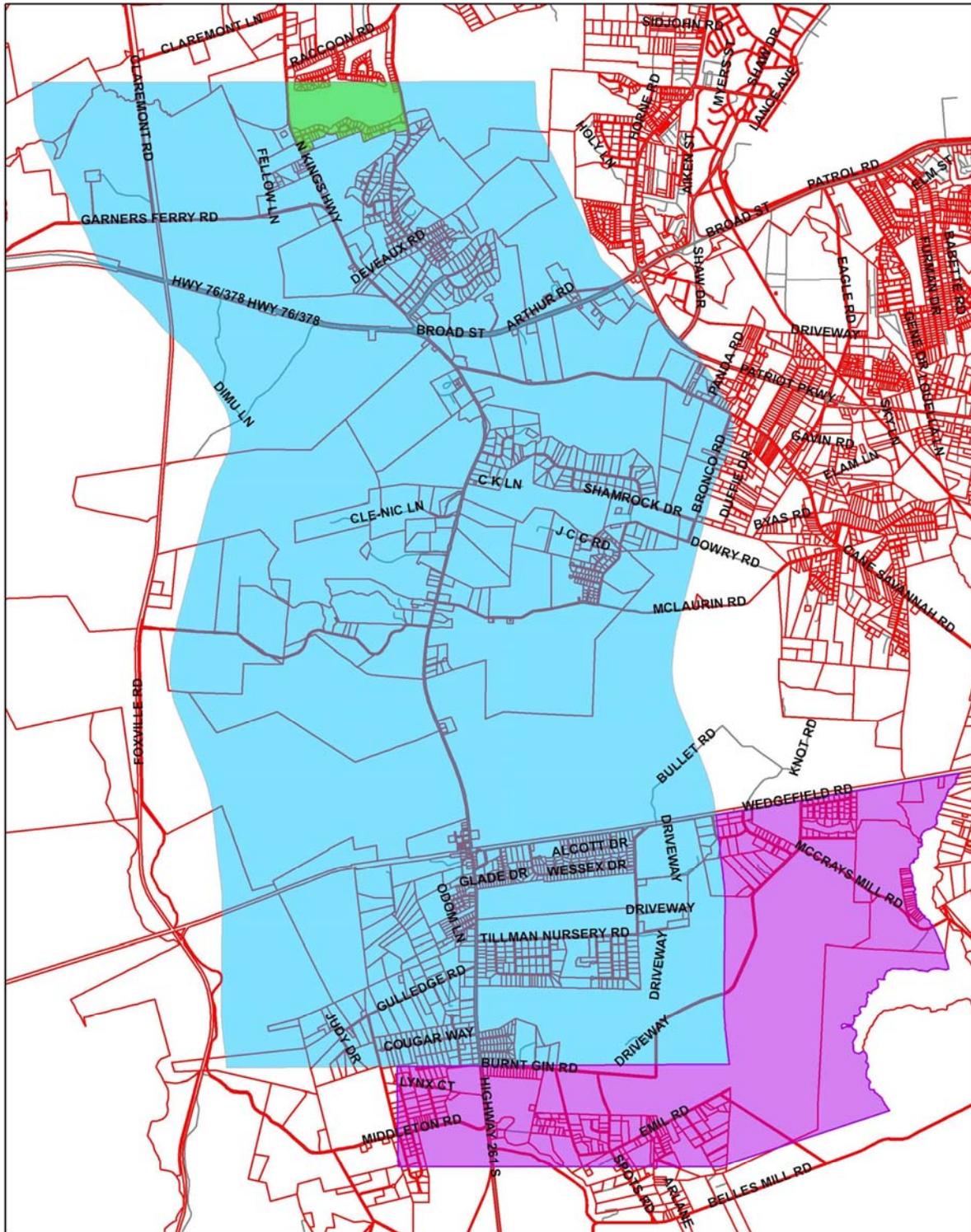
Manner Notified: Agendas were sent to most radio stations, television stations, and newspapers in the Sumter, Columbia, Manning, and Florence communities. Also, E-Mail notification was sent to Sumter County's Home Page, WIBZ, The Item, The Chamber, and Time Warner Cable.

Date Notified: November 5, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary W. Blanding*  
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Mary W. Blanding

Attachment A



11-10-09

1.

## MY VISION OF SUMTER

Today Sumter is headed in a direction that is contradictory to its vision of being a great place to live, learn, work, and play.

We say the protection of Shaw AFB and Poinsett Range is of great importance to Sumter County. Yet, Sumter continue to grow in a westerly fashion, away from downtown Sumter and toward Shaw AFB and Columbia. This pattern of growth jeopardizes Shaw's mission and future survival.

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As new home construction continues away from downtown Sumter and surrounding neighborhoods, left behind are vacant homes, foreclosures, high crime and declining property values. Also, residential and commercial corridors continue to decline. This projects a poor image of Sumter County to prospective business and industries.

Our current land use pattern has resulted in de facto segregation of our communities by race, income and education. There is

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very little, if any, growth in the eastern part of our County and the I-95 corridor, with all of its economic potential, continues to be a "corridor of shame." This is not the Sumter I dream of for my grandchildren.

I feel that the greatness and strength of our County is in the diversity of its people. De facto segregation has no place. I see integrated schools, with students from all segments of our society, receiving a

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high quality education and graduating from high school. I see adequate infrastructure such as public water and sewer developed along Myrtle Beach Highway towards I-95. Most of all, I see people of all races praying together on Sunday morning.

This is my vision of Sumter County. I feel that people united, educated and living together will project the image that Sumter is a place where new business and industry is welcome and will be successful.