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RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL ZONING PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 7:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and TV stations, newspapers, persons requesting notification, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the County Administration Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Paul Livingston Vice-Chair Damon Jeter

Member Gwendolyn Davis Kennedy

Member Joyce Dickerson
Member Valerie Hutchinson
Member Norman Jackson
Member Bill Malinowski
Member Jim Manning

Member L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.

Member Kit Smith

Member Kelvin E. Washington, Sr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Michielle Cannon-Finch, Joseph Kocy, Amelia Linder, Suzie Haynes, Jennie Sherry-Linder, Milton Pope, Sparty Hammett, Tony McDonald, Larry Smith, Srinivas Valavala, Jennifer Dowden, Tamara King, Jim Wilson, Monique Walters, Michelle Onley

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

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ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

Mr. Pope stated that staff would like to reorder the agenda to have the last item on the agenda first.

The agenda was unanimously adopted as amended.

TEXT AMENDMENTS

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26, Land Development; Article VII, General Development, Site, and Performance Standards; Section 26-171, General; so as to protect buffers, common areas, open space, recreation areas, and planted and/or vegetative areas on all approved plans

Mr. Livingston opened the floor to the public hearing.

No one signed up to speak.

The floor to the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, to give First Reading approval to this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

An Ordinance Amending the Richland County Code of Ordinances; Chapter 26, Land Development; so as to improve Richland County's Water Quality, protect the environment, and comply with the County's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements —

Mr. Livingston opened the floor to the public hearing.

Mr. John Grego, Ms. Sparkle Clark, Ms. Suzanne Rhodes, Ms. Opal Brown, Mr. Bob Guile, Ms. Carol Kososki, Ms. Marjorie Johnson, Ms. Ryan Nevius, Ms. Ann Timberlake, Mr. John Ramsburg, Ms. Tracy Swartout, Mr. Robert O'Brien, Ms. Jessica Arts spoke in favor of this item.

Mr. Tom Rowe, Mr. Marion Sadler, Mr. Tommy Lavender, Mr. David Tuttle, Mr. Pat Farmer, Mr. Bill Faust, Mr. Steve Corboy, Ms. Pamela Greenlawn, Mr. Bill Flowers, Mr. Doug Bridges, Mr. Ben Brantley, Mr. William DePasse, Mr. Earl McLeod, Mr. William Hill, Mr. William Dubard, Mr. Delary Faulkenberry, Mr. Cliff Wood, Mr. Hud McLean, Ms. Kay McCallahan, Ms. Joyce Burriss, Mr. Charles Hollyfield, Mr. Christopher Cox, and Mr. Whit Seaver spoke against this item.

The floor to the public hearing was closed.

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Mr. Jeter moved, seconded by Mr. Pearce, to adopt the Lexington County Water Buffer Requirement Ordinance with the following changes: (1) insert the Richland County entitlement language that will ensure consistency with other Richland County zoning and land use provisions and will also reduce the buffer width from 100 feet to 85 feet for perennial streams and from 50 feet to 40 feet for intermediate streams; (2) require a review of this ordinance and other proposals to include tonight's public comment and; (3) have a report from the Richland County Development Road Table with recommendations for changes no later than June 1, 2009 and prior to Third Reading.

A discussion took place.

Ms. Hutchinson offered the following friendly amendment: to automatically exempt single-family two-acre lots instead of the one-acre and to include the Lexington County Design Manual because the Design Manual defines and allows the flexibility in the Code.

Mr. Jeter and Mr. Pearce accepted Ms. Hutchinson's amendment.

Mr. Pearce offered the following amendment: that a public hearing would be held prior to Third Reading.

Mr. Jeter accepted Mr. Pearce's amendment.

Mr. Jeter called for the question. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The vote was in favor. Mr. Washington opposed the item.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m.

Submitted respectfully by,

Paul Livingston Chair

The minutes were transcribed by Michelle M. Onley