

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") was held on Monday, October 4, 2010, in County Council Chambers, the Beaufort County Administration Building at 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, South Carolina.

Members Present:

Mr. Jim Hicks, Chair	Mr. Robert Semmler, Vice Chair	Mr. Charles Brown
Ms. Mary LeGree	Mr. Ronald Petit	Mr. Edward Riley III
Mr. E. Parker Sutler	Mr. John Thomas	

Members Absent: Ms. Diane Chmelik

Staff Present:

Mr. Anthony Criscitiello, Planning Director
Mr. Robert Merchant, Long-range Planner
Ms. Barbara Childs, Admin. Asst. to Planning Director

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jim Hicks called the meeting to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Hicks led those assembled in the Chambers with the pledge of allegiance to the U.S.A. flag.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: The Commission reviewed their September 2, 2010, meeting minutes and noted a change on page 3, that the last sentence of the last bullet in the top half of the page should read: "This included surveying and engineering. **Motion:** Mr. E. Parker Sutler made a motion, and Mr. Robert Semmler seconded the motion, **to accept the September 2, 2010, minutes as corrected.** The motion **was carried** (FOR: Hicks, LeGree, Petit, Riley, Semmler, Sutler and Thomas; ABSTAINED: Brown).

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Hicks noted that there were no members of the public in the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT for items other than agenda items:

ADOPTION OF THE 2010 BEAUFORT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (A COMPILATION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UPDATED ELEMENTS, A NEW INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY CHAPTER, AND ALL OF THE 1997 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN APPENDICES)

Chairman Hicks noted that the 2007 Comprehensive Plan was adopted in a progressive manner, with elements adopted separately over a number of years. All but three chapters have been

approved by County Council to date. The Plan will be forwarded in total to the Natural Resources Committee and on to County Council.

Mr. Anthony Criscitiello, the County Planning Director, briefed the Commission. He reiterated Chairman Hick's comments. He passed the floor to Mr. Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Long-range Planner

Mr. Merchant noted the three chapters were: Introduction, Chapter 1; History, Chapter 2; and Demographics, Chapter 3. The staff chose adopting the Plan by chapters rather in total. Also, some of the adopted chapters were renumbered for a better flow. The History chapter is chronological in nature. Mr. Merchant credited Mr. Ian Hill, County Historic Preservationist, with researching this chapter. The Population and Demographics Chapter provides historic data and future projections. He noted that housing data is in the Housing Chapter. He then commented on when each of the other chapters were adopted.

Public Comments: None were received since there are no public present.

Commission discussion included:

- kudos to the Mr. Merchant for his work and effort behind the Comprehensive Plan;
- the Plan being a great road map for the future;
- emphasizing the cooperation among the government entities;
- supporting the Comprehensive Plan interaction with public policy;
- the Plan making clear sense and being an easy read;
- the economic changes the County went through from the inception of the Plan to the present time;
- the Plan being a living document that parts may be changed, as needed, in the future;
- the growth boundaries and the expectant Form-Based Code;
- recommending the adoption of the Plan with separate adoption of the first three chapters and reaffirmation of the remaining chapters; and
- acknowledging that the Plan was done in-house by the Planning staff, in particular by Mr. Robert Merchant.

Motion: Mr. Semmler made a motion, and Mr. Thomas seconded the motion, **to recommend to County Council the adoption of the first three chapters of the Plan and the adoption of the Plan in total as renumbered by the staff.** No further discussion occurred. The motion **was carried unanimously** (FOR: Brown, Hicks, LeGree, Petit, Riley, Semmler, Sutler, and Thomas).

OTHER BUSINESS: None were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Brown made a motion, and Mr. Sutler seconded the motion, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion **was carried unanimously** (FOR: Brown, Hicks, LeGree, Petit, Riley, Semmler, Sutler, and Thomas). Chairman Hicks adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: _____
Barbara Childs, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Director

Jim Hicks, Beaufort County Planning Commission Chairman

Approved: November 1, 2010, as written