Minutes

Board of Commissioners
March 5, 2008
3:30 P.M.

The Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, met in a Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 3:34 p.m. in the public meeting room of the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, Georgia.

Commissioners Present:	Jack Smith, Chairman Robert Horgan Eric Maxwell Peter Pfeifer
Staff Present:	Jack Krakeel, Interim County Administrator Scott Bennett, County Attorney Carol Chandler, Executive Assistant Floyd Jones, Deputy Clerk

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Call to Order by Chairman

Chairman Smith called the Workshop Meeting to order. Commissioner Frady was not present for the meeting.

Acceptance of Agenda

Commissioner Horgan motioned to accept the agenda as published and was seconded by Commissioner Pfeifer. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion of Fayette County 911 Communication's Reconfiguration Service Proposal presented jointly by Sprint/Nextel and Motorola for the Rebanding of the 821 MHz radio frequencies. This item was last discussed during the Thursday, February 22, 2007 Regular Meeting. A copy of the request and contract, identified as "Attachment 1", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Ms. Cheryl Rogers, Director of Communications, spoke to the Board about the Reconfiguration Service Proposal. Some discussion followed. Commissioner Maxwell motioned to accept the Reconfiguration Service Proposal presented jointly by Sprint/Nextel and Motorola for the Rebanding of the 821 MHz radio frequencies, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract pending legal review. Commissioner Horgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and direction regarding Fayette County's Stormwater Maintenance Program. This item was last discussed at the County Commission Retreat in November, 2007. A copy of the request and presentation notes, identified as "Attachment 2", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Mr. Phil Mallon, Director of Public Works, made a presentation to the Board about Fayette County's Stormwater Maintenance Program. Some discussion followed. The Board directed Mr. Mallon to return to the April or May Workshop with a detailed proposal, including cost information and available options regarding the Stormwater Maintenance Program.

C. Discussion of the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding Article V. General Provisions, Section 5-17. Height Limitations of Walls and Fences and Section 5-11. Common Area, and Article III. Definitions, Common Area, Fence and Wall as presented by the Planning and Zoning Department. This item was last discussed during the October 3, 2007 Wednesday Workshop Meeting. A copy of the request and presentation notes, identified as "Attachment 3", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Mr. Pete Frisina, Director of Planning and Zoning, and Mr. Dennis Dutton, Zoning Administrator, made a presentation to the Board about proposed amendments to Article V of the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. Some discussion followed. The Board directed Mr. Frisina to return at a later date with a better definition of the 50% visibility requirement for fences and walls. The Board also asked for suggestions on how the ordinance could be amended so fences and walls could better limit sound and light intrusion on major highways and in subdivisions.

NEW BUSINESS:

D. Approval for staff to proceed with the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2009 Property and Casualty Insurance. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 4", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Financial Analyst Ted Burgess spoke of the proposed specifications for the Fiscal Year 2009 Property and Casualty Insurance, and the criteria used in obtaining the specifications. Some discussion followed. The Board directed staff to proceed with the issuance of a Request for Proposals for Fiscal Year 2009, and to proceed with exploring alternative bids with statutory minimum coverages.

E. Consideration of a proposed new fee schedule and the addition of microchipping services at Animal Control. A copy of the request and presentation notes, identified as "Attachment 5", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Fayette County Animal Services Director Miguel Abi-Hassan made a presentation to the Board about the newly proposed fee schedule and microchipping services for his department. Some discussion followed. The Board directed Mr. Abi-Hassan to propose an official policy in the next month to six weeks, and to seek the Board's approval of that policy in April.

F. Discussion of the feasibility of offering a Flexible Spending Account benefit to County employees. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 6", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Human Resources Director Connie Boehnke explained the Flexible Spending Account benefit to the Board for its consideration. Some discussion followed. The Board directed Human Resources to canvas County employees in order to determine a level of employee interest in the Flexible Spending Account, and to return with the findings as soon as practical.

G. Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Comprehensive Plan regarding the S.R. 54 West Overlay District. A copy of the request and presentation notes, identified as "Attachment 7", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Mr. Pete Frisina and Mr. Tom Williams explained the proposed amendments to the Board. Some discussion followed. The Board directed staff to have the Planning Commission review the proposed amendments and then to return at a later date with the Planning Commission's recommendations.

H. Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding Article V. General Provisions, Section 5-9. Single family dwellings, B. Carport and Porte Cochere and Article III. Definitions, Carport and Porte Cochere as presented by the Planning and Zoning Department. A copy of the request and presentation notes, identified as "Attachment 8", follow these minutes and are made an official part hereof.

Mr. Pete Frisina and Mr. Dennis Dutton gave a presentation to the Board regarding the need for the proposed amendments. Some discussion followed. The Board directed staff to continue drafting the proposed amendments as suggested and bring them back for consideration at a future meeting.

I. Discussion of proposed amendments to the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance regarding Article VI. District Use Requirements, Section 6-2. EST Estate Residential District, F. Dimensional Requirements, 3. Floor area as requested by Rod Wright, President of Peach State Land Development, Inc. A copy of the request, identified as "Attachment 9", follows these minutes and is made an official part hereof.

Mr. Rod Wright, President of Peach State Land Development, Inc., asked the Board to reduce the minimum 3,000 square feet requirement in EST zoning to 2,000 square feet, and gave an explanation for his request. Some discussion followed. The Board directed staff and the Planning Commission to review Mr. Rod Wright's request for the purpose of providing the Board with more information.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Snead Road Right-of-Way Acquisition Policy: Interim County Administrator Jack Krakeel asked if the Board would consider granting an exception to the County's right-of-way acquisition policy that 80% of property owners on a road agree to donate right-of-way to the County for road improvements, and asked for the Board's direction on the matter. Some discussion followed. The Board's consensus was not to grant an exception to the right-of-way acquisition requirement.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Audio-Visual Upgrade: Executive Assistant Ms. Carol Chandler explained some of the available options to the Board regarding the audio-visual upgrade in the Commissioner's Chambers. Some discussion followed. The Board directed staff to explore the possibility of viewing the images on the public screen simultaneously on their individual laptops.

BOARD REPORTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Smith motioned to adjourn the Workshop Meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Horgan. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith adjourned the Workshop Meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk Jack R. Smith, Chairman

The foregoing minutes were duly approved at an official meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County, Georgia, held on the 27th day of March, 2008.

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Floyd L. Jones, Deputy Clerk