

**MINUTES
COLLETON COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013
6:00 P.M.
COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD JAIL BUILDING**

Colleton County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM, at County Council Chambers, Old Jail Building. Steven Murdaugh called the meeting to order with Council Members, Gene Whetsell, Dr. Flowers, Evon Robinson, Phillip Taylor(arrived during Executive Session) in attendance.

Others present included: Ruth Mayer, Sean Thornton, Kevin Griffin, Dennis Averkin, Eleanor Hodges, Isreal Hodges, Sr., Mike Hiott, Pete Anderson, Stephen Thomas, Mary Harris, Theodore Reed, Julie Ferrell, Denny Ferrell, Sharon Thomas, David Thomas, Chris Roberts, Robert Mock, Lachelle Lewis, Estis Mincey, Cris & David Soard, Shelby T. Segura, Willard Long, Roy Z(?), James Rutledge, Andy Strickland, Donna Lamb

Rev. Robinson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appearances & Public Presentations

None

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting April 2, 2013

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Awards and Recognition's

- a) Proclamation- Peace Officer's Memorial Day and Police Week 2013

Mr. Murdaugh read the Proclamation into the record.

A motion to approve the proclamation was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Briefing

Mr. Griffin said he wanted to inform council and the public that the Farmer's Market has opened as of Saturday. They will from here on out opened every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-6:00 and every Saturday morning will be open and we look forward to another good year.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

2nd Reading Ordinance 13-O-03, To Provide for the Levy of Taxes in Colleton County, South Carolina, for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 Through June 30, 2014; to Provide for All Other Appropriations Thereof; and to Provide for Other Matters Related Thereto.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

Mr. Murdaugh said a clarification; page 3 of 22 of the ordinance was revised with a correction of the School District millage

The motion carried unanimously.

2nd Reading Ordinance 13-O-04, To Establish Chapter 9.32-Firearms of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances for Regulating the Discharge of Firearms.

A motion to approve 2nd reading was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Murdaugh said he wanted to make a recommendation stepping aside from the normal protocol. I have and I am sure other members of council have received a lot of phone calls related to this particular ordinance. We have a map up showing the areas where this ordinance will effect and Mr. Administrator I hate to put you on the pointer or whoever put you on the spot, but I think it would be helpful for those in attendance and answer a lot of question if we could explain the history of this; what it is intended to do, and maybe show the areas that it impacts.

Mr. Griffin said sure I will be glad to. The information that I got is some communication with the Sheriff, some of his staff as well as councilman Whetsell I believe regarding firearms being discharged with subdivisions that were adjacent to the City Limits of Walterboro, there were some issues there that were being had. They asked us to possibly craft an ordinance that would help deal with that. With that we turned it over to the Planning Department which created the map that is before you tonight. I know that we have heard a lot that the actual ordinance was being applied county wide for no discharge of firearms that is not the case. It is just the areas that you see on these two maps. They are the same map, there are two versions of them. The areas you see in blue around the very adjacent. All of them are tightly developed subdivisions; acre lot, a lot of them smaller within those subdivisions. It does not apply county wide anyway whatsoever. You are still free to hunt. It just applies to these very organized areas around town. Sheriff if you got anything you would like to add.

Sheriff Strickland said we do get a lot of calls believe it or not. To give you an example, Hampton Drive area behind H & D off of SC-64 it is a real populated highly residential

area. You would be surprised at the amount of calls that come in, in reference to people shooting targets in a residential neighborhood. We do work hand in hand with county council and the county administrator coming up with this ordinance. Also it is going to be some people enforcing the law. It is not to take guns from anybody, I'm not saying we don't want you to own handguns or shotguns. We don't want you not to be able to protect yourself. At the same time we don't want people shooting in a reckless manner in a residential neighborhood. Sometimes people will say a few things and not exactly know what the intentions are behind it. We mean well. We don't want to take away rights from anyone in Colleton County when it comes to firearms. We want to stay neutral there, but we don't want people to feel afraid to live in their own house in reference to someone living next door shooting in a reckless manner. The deputies that is going to be enforcing this ordinance, they are going to have good common sense and like I said by any means we want to make sure we are sending the right message, by giving you guys the opportunity to ask any questions or at least be informed to why I think County Council brought forward this ordinance.

Mr. Whetsell said I would like on this ordinance 13-O-04 for us to add a paragraph that other subdivision areas in the county because we already had request certain subdivisions that is not adjacent to the blue area where people live in the rural area, where they are shooting in the subdivision, nothing to do with acreage in a subdivision, that, that subdivision may be added to this list if those people in the subdivision petition the county council to add that, but it won't be done unless the people in that subdivision request it. This is a request from the people out there and not something that we putting in here, but had nothing to do with gun ownership, I probably own as many guns as any of you own, but I still don't think it is right to come to Hyde Park and be able, whether you got a rifle or whether you got a pistol or whatever you got where houses are 75 feet apart and be able to shoot in a tree, shoot a squirrel. Somebody breaks in your house that is something different. There is something in this chapter, you are protecting yourself, you have the right to do that, but this ordinance is for discharging firearms in a subdivision that is thickly populated. It has nothing to do with gun ownership, you keep the guns, it has nothing to do with how you get registered, if you got a permit to carry a handgun, good, I have one and I think a lot of other people do too, but I still don't think it is right to go to Country Estates or Hampton Drive, Hyde Park or any of those subdivisions and discharge a firearm. I think it is unsafe and I don't think any of you in here believe that is the right thing to do, is go and shoot in a subdivision. We have had people put this thing on facebook that you better be at the County Council meeting next Tuesday because they are going to outlaw you having a shotgun in Colleton County. That is not right, they purposely misinform and they write this stuff without looking at maps or something like that. That is what we are up against. If you think it is right to shoot in a subdivision, then, I don't and I don't think anybody on the council does either, but that is your right and if you want to go do it you will be facing a fine if you get caught.

Mr. Robinson said just as a point of clarity, are you saying that you would add language to this ordinance that any prospective division in this county who thinks that they might

want it in the future, all they would have to do is come let us know. Is that what I hear you say?

Mr. Whetsell said basically. If any subdivision in Colleton County petitions County Council with proper signatures that they want their area to be covered like the blue map that that would be covered.

Mr. Murdaugh said first let me just say for those that are here that what we are doing tonight is 2nd reading of the ordinance. Some of ya'll are hearing this, some are here at every meeting and some of you may have attended for the 1st time, but when we pass something that we codify as an ordinance/law in the county it is done through an ordinance process at the county level and the city is different. At the county level we require three readings of that ordinance. We put that ordinance out for the public unless our internet site is down, but we put it out for the public to review on our website or wherever, we put it out for public review, but we go through a reading process where you have 1st reading, where council basically we draft it and look at it when we have the 1st reading and vote on it, then we have a 2nd reading, which is what we are doing tonight and at the 3rd reading we actually have a required public hearing where the public can stand up and make comments prior to the adoption of the ordinance and make comments. Now we have a public comments section at the end of the agenda where you can make comments at any meeting, but specifically germane to that ordinance we have a public comment section that we are required to have before adoption of 3rd reading. Tonight we are at 2nd reading. I know there are a lot of questions. Maybe some of those were answered tonight, maybe they weren't, I have questions frankly of my own. I don't disagree with what Mr. Whetsell said; I don't think any of us believe that you should be able to discharge a firearm in a subdivision and we have defined subdivision in this ordinance. We also defined commercial lots, which I don't think was included under the unlawful discharge part, but we defined what a commercial lot is because some of these areas are commercial lots. I'm not so sure I am there yet on the commercial lot. I like to hunt, I also have a lot of guns just like Mr. Whetsell, but the other issue we are going to have to debate as a council is we are going to put in a clause that a subdivision can petition to come in and I think we have got to define guidelines based on what criteria. If 10 people in the subdivision want it and 20 don't, do we allow that in the subdivision or does the majority rule, there are things we have got to define if we are going to adopt this and the 2nd thing that I would ask tonight is somewhere in our Nuisance Ordinance, unless we changed that, there was a restriction as far as discharging a firearm within so many feet of a residence and I specifically remember the issue came up where we had some folks come in wanting to have a turkey shoot and we didn't anticipate that that particular ordinance would not allow that person to have a turkey shoot and I think we addressed that somehow, but how does that overlap with this second of all and then the other thing is we don't define firearm in the ordinance. I know we all have the general understanding of what a firearm is at least I think.

Dr. Flowers said it is addressed.

Mr. Murdaugh said where is that defined.

Mr. Whetsell said at the bottom of the page.

Dr. Flowers read the definition.

Mr. Murdaugh said then I stand corrected on that. The other thing is we've got defense of a person's property. Let me just throw this out, food for thought. I got a lot of calls and I am sure everybody has. If there is a snake in my yard and I shoot at the snake, am I defending my property? I don't know the answer to that, I am assuming that the sheriff's office will use their discretion obviously and he would say that that was defense of one's property. If I missed the snake and there is no evidence, maybe I'm being too technical here, but I think obviously no one wants us to be able to discharge a firearm in subdivisions. Mostly it is around the city. The other thing is and correct me again if I am wrong, the city already has this in their ordinance so it gives you some continuity when you ride out of the city limit into these subdivision because you can ride in Walterboro from an incorporated area to the un-incorporated unless someone told you, you never know the difference, so it is to have some common ordinance or law in place around the areas where you have highly populated areas, so generally speaking I am in favor of this. I will support this I know for 2nd reading, but between now and then I am sure I'll bend Mr. Griffin's ear a few times and talk about how Mr. Whetsell wants to add this language about petitioning subdivisions, which I am fine with, but other things may come up. I know there are a lot of questions and that is why I am trying to explain this.

Dr. Flowers said I was raised on the farm and been hunting all my life every since I was big enough to shoot a gun and I certainly am not sitting up here and wanting to restrict anybody's right to hunt, gun ownership or anything like that. I have been a member of the NRA for years and certainly I feel we have to have some type of thing that the sheriff can hang his hat on with discharging firearms and especially with as many shootings as we have had around the city in the populated areas here in the last several years some of which have ended up in death. This ...inaudible... precipitated this and also as Mr. Murdaugh eluded to the fact that some of these subdivisions are part in the city and part in the county, so someone can discharge a firearm in these subdivisions, so if the county is not in compliance with what the city is doing and vice versa then there is a big gray zone that law enforcement has a difficult time with. I think it is trying to clarify and trying to make sure that we are as safe as we can be, but still not infringe on anybody's right to own arms or to hunt...inaudible... target shoot or anything like that, just do it in a safe manner, which is what we try to teach our children all the time. I just was to let you know this is not something that we want to do, it is something may be necessary in the kind of times we are living in now where everybody discharging firearms randomly in a lot of very populated areas. That is the thing that is so frightening for all of us especially the ones of us who treat a lot of these folks that get hurt.

The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 13-R-39, Rescinding Resolution 11-R-80 which Amended the Colleton County Record of Roads to Add Provisional Acceptance of the Streets in the Edisto Oaks Subdivision on Edisto Island as the Developer, Edisto Plantation, LLC, has Chosen for the Roads to Remain Private.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-40, Declare Saturday, May 11th, as Stewardship Day 2013 for the Edisto River Basin.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-41, To Authorize Acceptance and Budgeting of Funds for a Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelly Foundation Grant Received for the Museum for FY2012-2013.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-42, To Authorize the Submittal of a Grant Application for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) FY2013 Award for the Purchase of 55 Bulletproof Vests.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-43, To Authorize Renewal of the Lease Agreements By and Between Colleton County and Old St. Bartholomew Chapter for Genealogical Research and By and Between Colleton County and the Lowcountry Community Action Agency (LCAA) for the Use of County Facilities Located on Black Street in Walterboro.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-44, To Approve a Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy Statement and Assurances.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-45, To Approve Various Mutual Aid Agreements Between the Colleton County Sheriff's Office and Surrounding Jurisdictions.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-46, To Declare Surplus Various Equipment and to Authorize Its Sale in Accordance with County Policy.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Whetsell.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-47, To Appoint Members to Board Vacancies.

A motion to approve the resolution (approving Herman G. Bright and Daniel D. Green to the Colleton county library Board of Trustees) by acclamation was made by Dr. Flowers and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 13-R-48, Authorizing the Colleton County Parks and Recreation Department to Establish a Soccer Program, to Establish Operations and Maintenance of the Soccer Facilities and to Assume Responsibility Over the Operation of the 10 and Under Wildfire Soccer Club and All Revenues and Expenditures Related Thereto.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Dr. Flowers.

The motion carried unanimously.

1st Reading Ordinance 13-O-05, to Amend Title 14-Land Management of the Colleton County Code of Ordinances, Sections 14.08-5.020 Parking Lot Surface Materials, 14.08.6.020(A) Sign Design Guidelines and 14-08-6.050(A)(3) Freestanding On-Premises Signs.

A motion to approve 1st reading was made by Mr. Whetsell and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

The motion carried unanimously.

Items of Information & The Public Record

None

Public Comments

Mike Hiott- I am upset with this ordinance. I disagree with the proposed ordinance concerning the firing of guns in the county. I think it is a clearly designed device which will result in legal and responsible gun owners being punished while the crooks and the law breakers have all the guns they can get their hands on. There are already laws to prevent somebody from shooting somebody, but those laws don't stop the thugs and the thieves and the drug runners and this ordinance won't stop them either until perhaps after the fact. If you want to protect the law abiding citizens of Colleton County give the sheriff some additional funding so he can put two men in a cruiser instead of one and maybe add a few more cruisers and have a presence in these high crime areas. They arrest those thugs and gang members and send them back to North Charleston where a lot of them came from or just keep putting them in jail. That would suit me too. If you insist on passing this ordinance there is a section in there as I read it, but you should specify that any legal weapon could be confiscated for only two weeks much like the law that Charleston has. The way I read it, it said the weapon could be confiscated if there was an arrest imminent. Well that makes sense, but it doesn't say what will happen and how the disposal of that weapon will be carried out, so that needs to be cleared up. I am a little upset with the technical fabric of this meeting. I would like to have a session where this many people come in and presents a presents here I think you should make an exception and answer all their questions now and I know you are bound by your rules, so I would just suggest in closing that you table this ordinance and schedule a referendum for the unincorporated areas of the county and let the majority rule on that. I believe that guns are not the problem. I think thugs and thieves and drug dealers are and they will always have more weapons than we do even though we may have a house full of them like Gene does. We don't need more laws, we need more enforcement.

Stephen Thomas- My facebook name is Steve and I want to clarify one issue about the facebook thing and Mr. Whetsell made a comment that there was a bunch of rumors posted on facebook and made the statement that it was put in the Press & Standard that it was rumors. Nothing and I am the one that posted the article on facebook. 174 of my friends shared the article. Each one of my friends has a minimum of 100 friends, so that was 17,100 possible friends that looked at what I posted on facebook. Nowhere in facebook did it state anything about shotgun. You can go back right now and look at my facebook page. It says nothing about a shotgun at all, whatsoever or outlawing it in the entire county. So, that is a misstatement right there all together and you can go look at my facebook page, you are welcome to go look at it and see exactly what is posted. What was posted on there was pulled directly from County Council Agenda for April and

that is where that came from. I just wanted to clarify that. I don't post rumors. To the County Council and to the people of Colleton County, I would like to say that I am opposed to the ordinance 13-O-04, Chapter 9.32 Firearms of Colleton County Code of Ordinances for Regulating the Discharge of Firearms. This ordinance will do nothing and the way the ordinance was drawn up the wording states the reason why this ordinance that they want to protect citizens from harm. Well, this ordinance isn't going to protect citizens from harm. You are still going to have thugs, you are still going to have people out there shooting and this ordinance is not going to protect them, so I don't understand why they even want to have the ordinance in the first place, because it's not going to protect anybody. What it will do, it will prevent citizens that are, included in the outlined map from discharging a weapon on their own property. You will not be allowed to discharge any weapon if you live in those areas including a shotgun. You can't even go in your own backyard and shoot a snake as Mr. Steve made a comment about snake earlier. If you do you just broke the law. If you walk in your backyard and you shoot a snake, you just broke the law. What does the sheriff's department do when you break the law? Normally when you break the law you are arrested and you are subjected to a \$500.00 fine and or 30 days in jail. The ordinance said it does not give any county municipality or political subdivision the power to confiscate a firearm or ammunition unless incident to an arrest. If this ordinance is passed and you discharge your weapon in the mapped area you've just broken the law, now you are subject to arrest. If you are arrested, your weapon and ammunition can be confiscated. I just want to ask the question why was this ordinance not posted to the citizens. County council had the 1st hearing on it and voted unanimously on it and it was not published anywhere. Anywhere I could find and I spent 2 hours looking for it and that might be one of ya'lls rules and regulations, you don't have to publish it on a 1st give, but I think it is a good idea if you are going to put something out like this that affects as many citizens that this is going to affect, that they at least should be notified and as far as this map they have over here. That map was not drawn up until after I posted it on Facebook. Then that map was requested to be generated. After the public got knowledge on it, so that is basically the reasons why I am opposed to it and I'd like to see the council table it till they get some things worked out and at least layout to the public exactly what they want to do and how they want to do it. That's all I got to say.

Danny Farrell- I'm not going to re-plow the ground these gentlemen have covered so that I don't waste your time. I understand the motivation behind the ordinance. I understand why you don't want weapons discharged in subdivisions, common sense type things. I don't even think you have ill intentions in any of this stuff. I just don't think it was very well thought out. I think the motivation is good, the taking, maybe not so much. 1st off the areas that we are talking about in the blue lined area on the map, they are not inside the city limits. The restrictions that you are proposing have traditionally been ...inaudible... in any town, discharging weapons, but this isn't within the city limits and right now what you are proposing is that you are going to treat certain areas that are not in the city limits as if they are in the city limits, when it is convenient. In other words we are not actually going to annex these places and offer them the protection of the city police department. We are not actually going to annex these areas and offer them city services, city water, city sewer,...inaudible..., but without offering them the

benefits of annexation, we are going to put on them the burdens of annexation. As in you have to follow the same rules that the people do that live in the town. If they wanted to live by those rules they probably live in the town. In former days of running a bus route for a Sunday School, going through the poor neighborhoods and picking up kids hauling them off to Sunday School, I'm familiar those areas on the map. If you are actually going to go through the process of selectively applying restrictions to certain areas and not other areas based on that map, it really surprises me that you haven't yet heard from the Department of Justice Office of Civil Rights. We are talking about unequal enforcement of the law here.....TAPE RAN OUT.....I understand your reassurances that surely we would make common sense exceptions for that, I appreciate the Sheriff's assertion that we have people out there with common sense to make common sense exceptions, that is great; however, in the case of County Council, with all due respect, I think you gentlemen have more days of life behind you than you do ahead of you, certainly with more days on council, you will be replaced at some point by other people who might not have the same good intentions that you gentlemen do, but they will have the benefit of the precedent you have set and having set that precedent then it is okay to pass this restriction on to areas that are not incorporated into the City. We have already heard that language will be included so that we can expand it even further if the citizens request. I wonder, did the people in these areas request this as is. In other words maybe if someday we actually do get population growth, we could see the blue areas expand to be part ...inaudible...the reason that becomes important is because, there were repeated comments that this really isn't about taking away your 2nd amendment rights ...inaudible... that's right except having all those weapons, concealed weapons permits, all those things are really only of use if you have the ability to practice with the weapon and maintain proficiency with the weapon. The closest place that a citizen of Colleton County can get to where they can legally do that other than on their own property or if they have the money to join a hunting club is a drive all the way over to Berkeley County or Charleston County. There isn't anywhere here where you can maintain proficiency on a weapon unless you are a member of law enforcement, they have a range. Other than that if you don't have the money to join a hunting club, the only place to do it is on your own private property. Well if you are going to tell people you can't do it on your own private property either, well that is nice, you haven't infringed on their rights to bear arms, you've just infringed on the right to ever pull the trigger on one. There is a little more to this than I think people bothered to think about. In closing I thank ya'll for the sacrifice of time for what would frequently be a thankless job. I understand you don't want to be here necessarily, it's part of the job. Thanks for taking the time to listen to us.

David Thomas- I am not going to through everything that everybody else has, but I would like to say I agree totally with what everybody said. What bothers me the most is I could care less about the blue area it's a slippery slope. If you do the blue area, what's next? As already said, population growth, the area could grow and it is just a long slippery slope.

Roland Gruber-I did not come in here to speak, but sitting there listening to all of the comments I decided that I would briefly speak. I am retired from Law Enforcement after

30 years of law enforcement; I am a disabled Korean Veteran, at least one council member and I have discussed the fact that we as citizens, not just in Colleton County, but nationwide are over regulated. I think this is just another situation that we would become more regulated and over regulated. I am not saying I am against it or for it, but I am saying passing this would be another step and be over regulated as a citizen and for the other citizens in Colleton County.

Council Time

Mr. Whetsell said he would like to address just a little bit to Mr. Thomas' comment about this thing being advertised. He says this thing was not advertised the same night it was passed it was in the newspaper on Thursday of that week. The map was attached to the ordinance the map was not published. The ordinance was published two days after it was approved ...inaudible... and in the paper each time since. That was addressed to Mr. George at a later date, delivered to him. I don't think it got published again, but the ordinance was published two days after it was approved here. So it has been at the Press and Standard since last month and it is not something that has been slipped in that nobody knows anything about. The map has been enlarged. I agree that this map the first map is hard to tell where the street locations are, but on that map (Referencing the map displayed at the meeting) you can pretty well tell what it looks like. It is just a little misinformation and we will have that as long as this thing goes on I imagine.

Mr. Thomas said as far as I know you might be right, but everybody I know they haven't never seen that map.

Mr. Whetsell said ...inaudible... never did see the ordinance.

Someone from audience- A lot of people don't get the Press & Standard either.

Mr. Whetsell said well how do you figure that you would see the ordinance? Where would you think it would be published? It is not going to be at the Post Office, I recon you'd get it over Facebook or something I don't know, but it is usually on the county web page. Thank you.

Mr. Murdaugh said first of all, personally I don't facebook, that is my decision. I appreciate the folks that stood up and spoke. They made some very good points, I will assure you I will take those in consideration. What you are witnessing tonight whether you like it or not is the process of government and hopefully the government and elected officials will listen. Let me say in fairness there are people that are in favor of this thing and have spoke out as well. I know tonight we didn't hear that side of it, but there are folks in favor of this. I certainly think that we need to, there is no since of urgency here, we've got time to go into this thing and take everybody's opinion into consideration. We are only at the 2nd reading. When we get to next month and have 3rd reading, we certainly have the right to table it and if we choose to take the time tried into this then so be it. I've been called many things, but one thing I always try to do is listen and do what is fair. People's rights are very important, now it doesn't always swing your way, let me say that. I have sat right here and took a lot of criticism when I didn't

support a smoking ban, but that is still a right a citizen has. You've got take a lot of these things in consideration. What we do is not easy, I don't think anybody intended on council to put anything out or criticize anybody, but we will certainly tried into this as we go along and take our time hopefully and come up with what we think is the overall best thing for the citizens.

Mr. Robinson said he certainly concurred with my colleague in what he said and after having the opportunity I guess this is a very beautiful part about government and democracy is that we have the right to listen to the voice of the people. After having heard all of you tonight, I think you all gave us food for thought and we certainly between now and our next meeting we have an opportunity to review and look at this ordinance again and as ...inaudible... said I think we are going to do what is right and clear. That's where I stand on it.

Dr. Flowers said let me thank all of you folks for coming out tonight and expressing yourselves. This is what representing government is about. This is your 1st amendment right and you are excising it. Certainly we on council don't have all the answers here today. We try to take everything into consideration and we appreciate public comments, that is why we have them. Many times we don't have any public comments on very, very serious issues that face us and we appreciate all of your comments and certainly we will be taking them into consideration as we go through the process of looking at this. I want to thank you all for coming and I want to let you know we appreciate your comments and will certainly do everything we can to do what is right for the county.

Executive Session

- a) Legal
- b) Personnel
- c) Economic Development

Regular Session

No actions taken after executive session

The meeting was adjourned.

Date: _____

Phillip M. Taylor, Sr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Ruth Mayer, Clerk to Council

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