

## CHAPIN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, May 22, 2018  
4:00 P.M.**

**Town Council Chambers  
157 NW Columbia Ave, Chapin**

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**Members Present:** Chairman Kevin Sheppard, Vice Chairman Jim Palassis, Member Doug Barnett, Member Joe Dever, and Member Kenneth King

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Town Clerk Julie Hammond

**Guests:** Mayor David W. Knight and Nathan Powell

**Call to Order:** 4:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Planning Commission (PC) Members reviewed the minutes of March 27, 2018. PC Member King moved to approve the minutes as presented. PC Member Barnett seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

### **Reports**

The new Director of Planning & Zoning, Nathan Powell, was introduced. Mr. Powell gave a short bio, noting his first day with the Town would be May 29, 2018.

### **Old Business**

**S-48 Road Widening Project Discussion:** Mayor Knight handed the Planning Commission Members a “Draft” Mayor’s Message “Exhibit A” dated May 22, 2018 to accept as information. He was concerned about the impact of the I-26 Road Widening (Chapin’s Exit 91) and the S-48 (Columbia Ave) Corridor Improvement Project on business owners and citizens of Chapin. The main concerns included: frontage access to businesses near the interstate, moving the traffic bottleneck effect to Amick’s Ferry near Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, and routing traffic around the Town making Chapin a “Ghost Town.”

Although, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) had already held two Public Hearings regarding the Federally Funded I-26 Road Widening Project, the Mayor and PC Members felt there may still be time for input from Chapin.

Member King moved to invite SCDOT (I-26 Road Widening) and Lexington County (S-48 Corridor Improvement Project) Project Managers to the next Planning Commission meeting for first hand information on the projects. PC Member Dever seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Information on the I-26 Widening at MM85 to MM101 and S-48 (Columbia Ave) Corridor Improvement Project in Lexington County can be found through the following link and then clicking on the Midlands area map: <http://www.scdot.org/projects/current-projects.aspx#mid>.

**Adjournment:** PC Member King moved to adjourn the Planning Commission Meeting. Vice Chairman Jim Palassis seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:34p.m.

PC APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ June 26, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_