

SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
Lexington Town Hall Conference Center (First Floor)
111 Maiden Lane
Lexington, South Carolina
Minutes

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Called To Order:

Chairman Frank Hodge called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Thomas Brock, Chris Cullum, Ernest Dorsey, Frank Hill, Van McAlister, Greg Parsons, John Reich, Lloyd Schuman, Richard Sandler, and John White.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Sheridan Spoon, Assistant Deputy General Counsel; Christa Bell, Hearing Attorney; Eddy Lane, Advice Counsel; Gary Wiggins, Administrator, Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Jennie Meade, Program Coordinator; Angela Scott, Program Assistant and Carla Dominick, Court Reporter.

Others present participating during the meeting included: Brian Pietras; Steven Woods; Joheida Fister; David Holcombe; Les Williamson; Gary Bass; Carlos Wilder; Kris Scott; Timothy Swygert; Kiet Minick; Gary Mocariski; Rich Palmer; Tom Bier; Frank Finklea; Richard Waring; William Farmer; Billy Sawyer; Keith Drummond; Herb Yingling; Buddy Skinner; David Blackwell; John Humphries; H. J. Butch Avins; Mark Nix; Michael Lowman; Tom McCarty; Robert Pegram; H. P. Bozard; Theodore Reed; Michele Salimbeni; Eddie Watson; Nathan Ellis; Robert Harkins; Gordon McDonald; Brad Owen; Phil Elliot; Jack Jawson; Steve Hartwig; Kenneth Smith; Britton Byrd; Robert Sewer; David Obeley; Gregg Faulkenberry; Dusty Stone; Donny Phipps; Anthony Rivera; William Stewart; John Minick; Roni Abdella; John M. Burns; Reginald McBeth; Reinella Lee Bridges; Ken Willis; David Lenoir; Lee Hitchcock; Lewis McClendon; Robert Yarnell; Steve Smith; Bob Klein; James Whitaker; Don Houck; Phil Rhoads; John Pruitt; Cleston Bridges; Cae Jae Broadfield; Jonathan Jones; Joe Palmer; Jay Brunner; Bruce Boulineau; David Nichols; Joseph McDonald; Ann Roberson; Gary Finklea; Thomas Dicks; Jim Bowie; Bradley Anderson; John Butcher; Mark Dillard; Bruce Spicher; Rick Flueggs; Karen Mann; Matthew Lan; Mike Stewart; Randy Safer; Charlie Stewart; Rick Hallman; Tom Scholtens; Lee Cave; Mike Smith; Missy Hopkins; Ray Hoshall; Earl McLeod; George Dewees; Chad Kennedy; Ian Maclaintosh; B.A. Bush; Frank Norris; Jessie Burke; and George McCall.

Chairman Hodge announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Building Codes Council office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the February 24, 2010, Agenda. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Election of Officers:

Chairman Hodge turned the election process over to Mr. Gary Wiggins, who called for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Stubbs moved to nominate Mr. Hodge to serve as chairman. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Mr. Hodge was elected by acclamation. Chairman Hodge then called for nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Hill moved to nominate Mr. Parsons to serve as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Brock seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Mr. Parsons was elected by acclamation.

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Approval of Minutes - Wednesday, December 2, 2009 Meeting:

MOTION

Mr. Parsons made a motion to approve the December 2, 2009 meeting minutes. Mr. Sendler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members:

All members were present.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chairman Hodge reminded Council to complete and return in the Statement of Economic Interests Forms by April 15, 2010.

Administrator's Remarks for Information:

No remarks made.

Recognition of Old Members:

Chairman Hodge recognized and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Ernest Dorsey and James Ham, Jr., for their outstanding work on the Building Codes Council.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Local Modification request – IRC, Figure R301.2 – City of Camden

Mr. John Burns, City of Camden presented a request for Local Code Modification to replace Figure R301.2 (2) of the 2006 International Residential Code with the 2008 USGS National Seismic Hazard Map.

MOTION:

Mr. Brock made a motion to approve the City of Camden request. Mr. Sendler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Local Modification request – IRC, Figure R301.2 – City of Forest Acres

Mr. Gary Wiggins presented a request from Mr. Mark Williams, City of Forest Acres requesting for Local Code Modification to replace Figure R301.2(2) with 2008 USGS national seismic hazard map until 2012 International Residential Code is adopted by the State of South Carolina.

MOTION:

Mr. Parsons made a motion to approve the City of Forest Acres request. Mr. Hill seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Local Modification Request – IRC, Appendix F – Greenville County

Mr. Keith Drummond, Greenville County, presented a request to allow the use of Appendix F of the 2009 International Residential Code.

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MOTION:

Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the Greenville County request. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Parsons made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. Mr. Reich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to come out of execution session. Mr. Reich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

None

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

A disciplinary case was heard by Council as a closed case.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court reporter in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

Adjournment:

Mr. Parsons made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Reich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. The Wednesday, February 24, 2010, meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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Building Codes Council Code Modification Hearing
11:15 am

Called To Order:

Frank Hodge, chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Other members participating in the meeting included Thomas Brock, Chris Cullum, Ernest Dorsey, Frank Hill, Van McAlister, Greg Parsons, John Reich, Lloyd Schumann, Richard Sendler, and John White.

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Chairman Hodge stated that he was going to read each of the section numbers in each of the codes that were proposed to be modified, in the order that they were reviewed by the Code Study Committee. He advised everyone in attendance who desired to challenge a recommendation of the Code Study Committee, to state so when he read the section number in question. He went on to say, for the items that were not challenged, he would request a single motion to accept the recommendation of the Code Study Committee, then go back and address each challenged item separately.

Chairman Hodge then asked the Council members if they desired to allow a maximum time limit for speakers providing testimony.

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MOTION:

Mr. Parsons made a motion to grant each speaker a maximum of five minutes time per item, unless responding to questions, with a total of 10 minutes time for all speakers for rebuttal. Seconded by Mr. Lloyd Schumann and the vote was unanimous.

Proposed Modifications to the International Building Code – Unchallenged:

Section 310.1 Residential Group R:

Section 310.2 Definitions:

Section 903.2.7 Group M:

Section 1810.3.8.3.2:

Section 2703 Emergency disconnect of power:

Proposed Modifications to the 2009 International Fire Code – Unchallenged:

Section 903.3.6 Group M:

Proposed Modifications to the 2009 International Residential Code – Unchallenged:

Section R202 Story:

Section R301.2.1.1 Design criteria:

Section R301.2.2 Seismic provisions:

Sections R301, R403, R404, R 602, R606, R611, R703, R1003:

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Section R 305.1(2) Minimum height:

Figure R307.1:

Section R 308.4(5) Hazardous locations:

Section R311.8.1 Maximum slope:

Section R315.2 Where required in existing dwellings:

Section R317.3 Fasteners and connectors:

Sections R403.1.7 to R403.1.7.4 and Figure R403.1.7.1:

Section R403.1.8 Foundations on expansive soils:

Section R404.1 Concrete and masonry walls:

Section R404.1.5. Pier and curtain wall foundations:

Section R408.8.2 Openings for under-floor ventilation:

Section R408.4 Access:

Section R601.3 Vapor retarders:

Section R602.10 Wall bracing:

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Sections R703.7.2.1 and R703.7.2.2:

Sections R903.5 to R903.5.2, Figure R903.5 and R907.3:

Chapter 11 Energy Efficiency:

Section M1411.6 Locking access port caps:

Section M1502.4.4.1 Dryer duct specified length:

MOTION:

Mr. Parsons made a motion to adopt the unchallenged Code Study Committee recommendations for all codes. Mr. Reich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Proposed Modifications to the 2009 International Fire Code – Challenged:

Section 5032.1 Dimensions:

In Favor: Bruce Boulineau

Opposed: Mark Nix

MOTION:

Mr. Sendler made a motion to overturn the Code Study Committee recommendation. Mr. McAlister seconded the motion, which carried with three nay votes, Mr. Schumann, Mr. Parsons and Mr. Brock. The modification as originally proposed was approved.

Proposed Modifications to the 2009 International Residential Code – Challenged:

Table R302.1 Exterior Walls:

In Favor: Mike Lowman

Opposed: Gary MocarSKI, Cleston Bridges

MOTION:

Mr. Sendler made a motion to uphold the Code Study Committee recommendation. Mr. McAlister seconded the motion, which carried with four nay votes, Mr. Schumann, Mr. Reich, Mr. White and Mr. Parsons. The modification as originally proposed was approved.

Section R311.7.4 Stair treads and risers:

In Favor: Mike Lowman, Bruce Boulineau, Frank Finklea

Opposed: Brian Pietras, Cleston Bridges, John Burns, Gary MocarSKI

MOTION:

Mr. Sendler made a motion to accept the Code Study Committee recommendation. Mr. McAlister seconded the motion which failed to pass; four aye to five nay votes.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to overturn the Code Study Committee recommendation. Mr. Reich seconded the motion, which carried with three nay votes Mr. Cullum, Mr. McAlister, and Mr. Sendler. The modification as originally proposed was approved.

Section R 311.7.7.1 Height:

In Favor: Brian Pietras and Cleston Bridges

Opposed: Mike Lowman

MOTION:

Mr. Sendler made a motion to overturn the Code Study Committee recommendation. Mr. McAlister seconded the motion which failed; three aye to six nay votes.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to uphold the Code Study Committee recommendation. Mr. Cullum seconded the motion, which carried with two nay votes Mr. Schumann and Mr. Sendler. The modification as originally proposed was approved.

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Section R313 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems:

In Favor: Mike Lowman; Earl McLeod; Colman Shouz; Travis McCorey; Mark Bostic; Byron King; Frank Norris; Kevin Connelly; Michael Day; Henry Drew; Mark Nix; and Gary Finley.

Opposed: George McCall; Joe Palmer; John; Randy Safer; Sandra Senn; Caren Mann; Ray Hoshall; David Blackwell; Charlie Stewart; Bradley Anderson; Tommy Carr; Matt McClinton; Ann Robinson; Marty Reynolds; Jonathan Jones; Bill Farmer; Pricilla Bridges; Jim Bowie; and Carlos Whiles.

MOTION:

Mr. Reich made a motion to overturn the Code Study Committee recommendation. Mr. White seconded the motion, which carried with three nay votes, Mr. McAlister, Mr. Brock and Mr. Sandler. The modification as originally proposed was disapproved.

Adjournment:

Mr. Sandler moved the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Reich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The February 24, 2010, meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.