

**SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL
KINGSTREE BUILDING, ROOM 108
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank P. Hodge
Gregory P. Parsons
Gable D. Stubbs
Frank Hill, Jr.
Lloyd D. Schumann
William T. McDowell, Jr.
Van M. McAlister
Michael M. Thomas
Wendell Davis
Kenneth P. Padgett
James A. Ham, Jr.
Ernest F. Dorsey
Thomas E. Brock
Richard N. Sendler

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry T. Witherspoon

STAFF PRESENT

Gary Wiggins
Jennie Meade
Rick Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT

John Reich	Carroll Amick	Theodore Reed
Michael Platt	Angela Musselwhite	Julian Barton
Corky Clark	Darbis Briggman	Vaughn Wicker
Danny Brown	Missy Hopkins	Sidney Evering, Jr
William Doar	Michael Robinson	Siggi Valentin
John Allen	Gerry Poss	Bruce Boulineau
John Humphries	Palmer Gourdin	Paula Kennett
Ward Braswell	Don Ferguson	Steve Landrith
Andrew B. Jordan	Billy Kennett	Robert Harkins
Gerogia Toney	James Whittaker	Michael Moore

Note: the Notice and Agenda for the August 25, 2004 meeting of the South Carolina Building Codes Council were posted in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 amended Code, relating to the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Call to Order

The August 25, 2004 meeting of the S.C. Building Codes Council was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chairman Frank Hodge.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Hodge asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. Ken Padgett made the motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frank Hill and

the vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hodge asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the May 26, 2004 meeting. Mr. Hill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Michael Thomas and passed unanimously.

4. Approval/Disapproval for Absent Members

Chairman Hodge inquired about the absent members. Mr. Whitherspoon was absent and did not respond to staff's messages. This absence and the absence from the May meetings has been tabled to next meeting for an explanation.

5. Old Business

None

6. New Business

A. Introduction of new member

Chairman Hodge introduced Mr. Richard N. Sendler and welcomed him to Council.

B. IFGC Modification

Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins reminded council that at the last meeting council had the changes that were submitted, and approved by council. For the codes that were not modified council established the implementation date of January 1, 2005. For the code that was modified, the International Residential Code (IRC), the additional step of complying with the Administrative Procedures Act is required. Council, therefore, established the implementation date of July 1, 2005 for the IRC only. After the May meeting, staff realized that two of the modifications affected the International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC). Those modifications must also go through the APA process, and thus cannot be implemented until July 1, 2005. Staff requested council to amend the implementation date for the IFGC. The motion change the implementation date for the IFGC from January 1, 2005 to July 1, 2005 was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Padgett. The vote was unanimous.

C. Emergency Regulations

Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Julian Barton with the Home Builders Association of SC. Mr. Barton stated two modifications authorized for the 2000 International Building and Fire Codes failed to be submitted for consideration for the 2003 editions. He went on to state that those

modifications

would not have been issues if the bill to retain prior modifications would have been passed. The bill

would have removed the requirement to resubmit modifications that were approved during the

previous code cycle unless the underlying code had changed. The bill died due to lack of time on

the last day of the session. Mr. Barton stated, two modifications that are due to expire on

December 31, 2004 should continue in effect. One has to do with the location of fire hydrants; and

the second with specific fire ratings for walls.

After much discussion, the issues were split into two items by a motion made by Mr. Greg Parsons and seconded by Mr. Hill. This motion was passed unanimously.

Item 1. Location of fire hydrants

Mr. Parsons made the motion to direct staff to prepare emergency regulations to continue the modification granted to the 2000 IFC. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sendler and passed seven in favor and five against.

Item 2 Construction of fire walls

Mr. Parsons made the motion to direct staff to prepare emergency regulations to continue the modification granted to the 2000 IBC. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sendler and passed unanimously.

D. Proposed maps showing geographical locations of seismic and wind zones

Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Wiggins who presented the maps to council. Mr. Wiggins stated

staff prepared the maps as required by statute and had contacted all affected jurisdictions offering

the opportunity to look at and comment on the new lines. He went on to state that the maps for all

affected counties were available for viewing prior to the meeting. He then suggested that a recess

be called to be sure everyone at the meeting had the opportunity to review the maps. Chairman

Hodge called for a recess and requested all council members and guests to view the maps. Upon

resumption of the meeting, council wished to give local jurisdictions until the November 4, 2004

meeting to voice any additional comments that they may have concerning the lines. Staff was

directed to send letters to all Building Officials advising of the opportunity. Mr. Wiggins advised

council that the wind speed map that was presented is referenced in the IRC and the IBC. The wind

speeds would apply to all types of construction. He then went on to say, the seismic map was taken from the IRC and applied to single and two-family residences. He then asked guidance from council as to how to structure the seismic map in the IBC which is based on ground motion. He stated the options were to utilize to same "Zone" map as the IRC; to attempt to develop a new map based on the IBC; or to use the existing criteria in the IBC. After a lengthy discussion, council asked staff to be prepared to make a recommendation at the November 4, 2004 meeting.

E. Request for Clarification

Chairman Hodge recognized Mr. Andrew B. Jordan who asked for clarification on the requirement for Special Inspectors. He asked if the Building Codes Council was going to develop a list of approved inspectors. After some discussion, Chairman Hodge stated that Special Inspectors need to be contacting the Building Officials in the jurisdictions in which they wish to inspect, to ask what certifications their jurisdictions require. Council asked staff along with the offered assistance of Mr. Parsons, to present a list of applicable certifications for special inspectors to council at the November 4, 2004 meeting.

F. Recognition of past member

Chairman Hodge read a Certificate of Recognition for Eugene Beckman.

7. Public Comments

Chairman Hodge called for any public comments. None.

8. Date of next meeting

November 4, 2004.

9. Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mr. Jay Ham. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.