

Minutes
Planning and Economic Development Committee
May 4, 2015
6:00 PM
5th committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney, Committee members Terry Merritt and Scott Crosby. Economic Development Planner John Gardner, George McLeer, Office of Cultural Affairs, and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order- Chairman Matney
2. Public comment- Councilman Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
3. Reading and approval of minutes
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Economic Development- John Gardner reported way finding signs were going well. Gateway signs have been slow and weather delayed, but PW is going to work on grading for them this week. Councilman Merritt said he has done a good job on the way finding signs.
 - b. Office of Cultural Affairs- The concerts two weekends ago went very well. Planning season is starting for next year. Weekends are already book from Labor Day through Christmas.
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
 - a. Alcohol request- This is a Boy Scouts fundraiser on May 21st. They will honor the police and fire departments and raise funds for programs. No minors will be at the event and there should be 100-120 people attending. Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this to council for action. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion. Councilman Merritt said he finds this interesting that the Boy Scouts are resorting to serving beer and wine and having the police and firemen in attendance. He understands why they are doing it, though, in light of recent events, but it is a shame. The vote was unanimous to send to council (3-0).

- b. Wayfinding signs- A couple of minor changes on Miller Road, the sign that would point to the senior center and high school will be after the intersection. There is no place on Miller Road up from the creek. The speed is slow and there will be good visibility at the triangle on Corn Road Eastbound.

Headed west on Butler at Ashmore Bridge, there will be a sign in front of the KFC that has Sunset Park, Conestee Park, and the Mauldin library. Two wayfinding signs have been dropped. There will still be 9 city limit signs. We will have a few signs ready to replace since it costs more to replace them later on. Councilman Merritt mentioned that the DOT representative said there was an alternate for fabricating the signs- Prison Industries. John said he has not followed up on that, but would. Councilman Merritt asked about the Welcome to Mauldin sign at 276 and I385. John said there is a strip that goes under 385 and follows the railroad. There is an existing old white and yellow sign on 276 coming from Simpsonville.

Councilman Matney asked if we could get a cost estimate from Prison Industries on the signs. Councilman Merritt said the vendor we are using were the highest when he was getting his political signs made.

Councilman Merritt made a motion to forward this item to full council with the updates and new cost numbers. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public comment

Dean Kirkland: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are not the same as when I was a child. You either get closer to Him or further away. There ain't no in between when you are a Christian. Don't confuse me. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts has some leadership that are getting lost. If you put alcohol in front of Boy Scouts... when I was in Boy Scouts, and we were so poor we could only afford the top, I couldn't have the whole uniform. You wouldn't have presented this pack with alcohol. I see it sliding down hill spiritually. If we don't honor Him, we don't get his blessings. That is all I have to say.

8. Committee concerns
9. Adjournment- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

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