

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

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

1. Call to order- Chairman Matney
2. Public comment
3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Crosby made a motion to approve the May 4th meeting minutes with Councilman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Economic Development- We have not seen any annexation activity on Corn and Miller. Forrester Cove has over 50% signatures for annexation and needs about 12 more. Staff is staying in touch with them. Lakewood Drive behind Gleneagle Apartments can be contiguous to us. It is a Windsor Aughtry development near Conestee.

We do have a request that came in after the PEDC agenda went out. Hollingsworth Foundation has two pieces of property on Bridges Road. One is S1 in the City across from Charter and there is an adjacent parcel not in the city that they have approached us to annex a 7 acre parcel of. This is provided as information and will come to the November PEDC committee meeting. They said they have asked for a special called council meeting after the committee meetings so that second reading can be done at the regular November council meeting.

There has been activity at 1400 Stage Road. The property has been cleaned up and it is being looked at. Restaurant Depot has been cleared and graded and the sign is up.

Subway is open. Jimmy John's is open. A new tenant has leased where Oasis Mediterranean was. QT on East Butler should start soon. A takeout/sit down restaurant is looking at a Mauldin location.

The consultants are working on the East Butler corridor plan. Old Mill Road and Murray Drive are presenting the most difficulty.

Proofs of the wayfinding signs are in and we are waiting on approval from SCDOT.

Alta Planning is still working on the swamp rabbit trail alignment study. We have requested some adjustments to their initial submission. There will be some options for placement of a main trail. They said the final draft is almost dialed in on swamp rabbit connections.

b. Office of Cultural Affairs

George said the bbq went very well and he thanked the city departments for their help. Attendance was comparable to the previous years. The feedback from the bbq teams has been extremely positive.

Edwin McCain will be here in three weeks. They are very excited about this show because they don't do this kind of show much anymore.

5. Unfinished business

6. New business

- a. Community Development Department- The city attorney has looked at this ordinance, we have an organizational chart and job description. This has to be done to establish a new city department. We can go out and advertise for this position either tomorrow or after the council meeting on the 19th.

Councilman Merritt said he was hoping to see a budget impact other than just for hiring someone- giving the department head some money so he can do some things. They said he would add \$10,000 for promotion and meetings to

start. Councilman Merritt asked if this needs to be two motions- one for the establishment of a department and one to hire a department head.

Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this item to council- both establishing the department and hiring a department head. The \$10,000 for promotion and meetings would be included in the motion. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public comment- None

8. Committee concerns

Chairman Matney asked to make a statement. There was no economic development team meeting today. The economic development team is dead. It will now be part of PEDC in the name of transparency and efficiency. Having two meetings on the same thing is a waste of time and there is also a prevailing thought that people are talking behind closed doors about secret things, and that is not the case. Unless there is an executive session, all of this will happen in PEDC so that everyone is included. Council members who are not on PEDC can listen to executive session discussion, but cannot provide input.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk

NOTICE: A majority or quorum of City Council may attend a committee meeting.