

**Minutes  
Planning and Economic  
Development Committee  
March 1, 2011  
6:00 PM  
6<sup>th</sup> committee meeting**

**Members present were Chairman Hunter, Committee members James Kennedy and Patricia Gettys. Peter Nomikos, Building Director and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.**

1. Call to order- Chairman Hunter
2. Public comment- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes

Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Kennedy seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or communications from city officers

- a. Budget Review

The budget looks good.

5. Unfinished business

6. New business

- a. Discussion on rezoning the corner of W. Butler and Pinecrest

Peter Nomikos said this is the same property that Chick Fil A was looking at and withdrew. This will be a zoning to OD. Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to send this to council with Councilman Kennedy seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Main Street and other enhancement projects

Chairman Hunter said he does not like the options to get this project back in line with the DOT estimates. He asked Mr. Gardner to outline the options. John said one issue is that there are a lot of inconsistencies as far as traffic control and mobilization. With the two bidders, there were huge discrepancies in the categories. John said he thinks the bid is being padded for unforeseen problems with road work. John proposed taking all of the road construction work out of the equation to eliminate the risk to the contractors.

The other option is to meet with DOT and bring to bear some efforts for a better solution. We could meet with commissioners and the legislative delegation to put some pressure on DOT to raise their bid estimates.

Councilman Reynolds asked how far off the numbers are from DOT's estimates. John said he couldn't answer the question, because DOT will not share their estimates with us. Councilman Cook suggested that the commissioners be met with first. The delegation was not able to persuade DOT to change their minds on the Laurens County project.

Mayor Godbey said that he spoke with a couple of DOT commissioners and this is a pattern with DOT projects across the state. Two of the seven commissioners commented on it when the Mayor brought this up at the GPATS meeting. Councilman Black asked if there was a time limit on the grant money. Chairman Hunter said the money is still secure. John Gardner said the money is programmed and should be safe.

Trey asked that this item be sent to council.

Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to send this item to council with Councilman Kennedy seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

c. State legislature resolution

This is a resolution to our legislature concerning the flexibility of local governments to endure the budget cuts and other changes that are being made. Councilwoman Gettys made a motion to send this to council with a second by Councilman Kennedy. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public comment

8. Committee concerns

9. Adjournment- Chairman Hunter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk

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