

**Minutes
EPD Committee
July 2, 2018
6:00 PM
6th committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney, Committee members Scott Crosby and Terry Merritt . Interim City Administrator Bryan Turner, Interim Assistant City Administrator Van Broad, and David Dyrhaug, Economic Development Planner were also present.

1. Call to order- Chairman Matney
2. Public comment- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes- June 4, 2018
Councilman Crosby made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget Review- The department is doing well. The budget has been hit by marketing and other things.
SC PRT is willing to increase the amount of our grant for the auditorium. The AC in the auditorium has been out for three years. It has been running off of one unit and should have been running off of two. We will send this out to bid.
 - b. Department report- Census 2020
We are preparing for the Census in 2020 by updating the boundaries of the city. We also went through the address list for the City and have sent it back to the Census Bureau. This information is helpful to get a true count with the Census and helps us be eligible for grants that may be based on population.
5. Unfinished business
6. New business
 - a. Master sidewalk plan- The department has a sidewalk plan in the Comprehensive Plan of 2009. This would be more detailed. People are interested in sidewalks. There is \$17,250 available from GPATS for a consultant for a master plan- there would be a 20% matching amount from the City. David said he just wants committee feedback on this. Chairman Matney said he would like to send out an RFP to gauge interest. Councilman Merritt said he is interested in putting in sidewalks in the four corner

residential sections of Mauldin. There is a safety issue that sidewalks could help remedy. It also helps with the aesthetics of an old neighborhood. Councilman Merritt said when East Butler construction starts, we could be ahead of the curve. We have existing sidewalks that are in terrible shape. Chief Turner is going to follow up on the work orders to help these safety hazards. Sidewalks add value to neighborhoods and could be tied to the Swamp Rabbit Trail.

Councilman Crosby asked what the consultant would do. David said staff would inventory the sidewalks and identify the needs. The consultant could come in and provide information on cost estimates to various projects and provide a methodology of prioritization. The consultant could also help us procure grants. Van said there could be a master sidewalk through the corridors to begin with and then prioritize the side streets. The RFP would be sent out before a consultant would be brought in. Councilman Crosby said he believes a lot of the prioritizing could be done in house without a consultant. David said he anticipates staff doing a lot of legwork and use the consultant for the more technical aspects.

David said on Miller Road between Old Mill and Corn Roads, we had an engineer come in and he was blown away by the cost estimate and what is involved with storm water improvement and other things. That is just one example. Councilman Merritt said he thinks he remembers that the half mile of sidewalk from Corn Road to Miller was going to be over \$400,000. David said he thought it was more than that. Councilman Crosby said every quote he has heard for sidewalks has been about that much.

Councilman Merritt made a motion to direct staff to proceed with an RFP to help us with a sidewalk master plan. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public comment- None
8. Committee concerns- None

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.