

**Minutes
EPD Committee
February 11, 2019
6:00 PM
2nd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney, Committee members Scott Crosby and Terry Merritt. Brandon Madden, City Administrator, Van Broad, Community Development Director, 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- January 7, 2019
Councilman Crosby made a motion to accept the minutes. Councilman Merritt was not present at the last meeting and so abstained from voting on the minutes. Chairman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (2-0).
4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Budget Review- Van Broad reported the budget is trending very well.
 - b. Department Reports
5. Unfinished Business- None
6. New Business
 - a. Cost Overruns for the Multi-Use Path/Sidewalk at Fowler Circle- David said this project was started before he was employed. The project was initially estimated to cost about \$325,000. GPATS awarded \$260,000 towards the project and there was a \$65,000 match from the City. DOT managed the project and determined that there would be a need for additional funds and either the City of Mauldin or DOT would cover the cost overruns. The City has negotiated a shared responsibility in the overage. SCDOT is willing to contribute \$12,538.12 and the City would contribute \$12,610. \$12,610 is the 20% of the additional funds that were earlier offered by GPATS but were later determined could not be used for the cost overruns. We can absorb the cost in the special projects budget line of the Community Development budget. Councilman Merritt asked David if he has the authorization to give the ok for the additional funding. David said his recommendation would be to send this to council for their approval for the cost overrun payment. Councilman Merritt said the contract was signed with DOT on March 10, 2014. Does David's research show the original contract went through council? David said he will look into that.

Councilman Merritt said he doesn't want to do anything until he has an answer to that question. Councilman Matney asked when we needed to get back to DOT on this. David said the project was completed in 2016 and they are just now closing it out. Even though it has been a couple of

years, DOT is pushing to finish this out. David said he would put the answer to Mr. Merritt's question in the council report. Councilman Merritt said his inclination is to hold this in committee. He doesn't understand the rush after three years. David said this would hold up the process if we had any other projects we would need to submit to DOT. The deadline to let them know about a submittal is in March. Chairman Crosby said he doesn't see a reason to delay this process.

Councilman Merritt made a motion to hold this item in committee. Councilman Crosby seconded the motion. The vote was 1-2 with Chairman Matney and Councilman Crosby voting against. Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this to council with a recommendation of approval. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of an Economic Dev matter known as Project MP as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a) (5)

Councilman Crosby made a motion to go into executive session. Chairman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

Committee came back from executive session. Councilman Crosby reported no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

- c. Possible action on item discussed in executive session- None

7. Public Comment

8. Committee Concerns

Councilman Merritt asked Van about a letter received from Mercy Housing Development. They bought property for a development on East Butler Road and were unable to secure the funding. The group is trying for the funding again this year. They believe they will receive the money this time. Councilman Merritt said this property is across the street from Mutt's. He hopes it will fit the vision for East Butler. David said the corridor study has been shared with them and they are excited about our vision.

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.