

MINUTES
ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 2019
6TH COMMITTEE MEETING

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney, Committee members Scott Crosby and Terry Merritt. Community Development Director Van Broad and City Administrator Brandon Madden were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Matney

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- a. EPD Committee Meeting: March 11, 2019
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 4% under budget. Next month's budget will have a \$50,000 outlay for Utility Tax Credits for Hughes Commercial Investments. They have a spec building that is halfway leased out. It is at the corner of 276 and 385 at Monroe Road. Duke Energy did a utility tax credit with us for MP Huskey and are doing the same here.
- b. Department Reports- 2 of the last 3 performances of Aladdin have been sold out. That is about 280 people per performance.

May 25th, Greenville Concert Band will lead a combined concert at the cultural center.

Renovations at the cultural center are going extremely well. Chairman Matney asked when the work should be completed. Van said we expect to be completed in June with the exception of the telescopic seating for the auditorium. There is a steel column in the back that cannot be moved so the seats need to be re-measured for that.

Councilman Merritt asked if there were any plans for the steps in the back. The first step is an expanded step. Van said that door is closed up and the steps may be removed. At the very least, there will be no access to the steps.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

a. Carolina Power bill

In 2016 Community Development began a series called: Beachin' Friday's. The series drew good community support and has grown each successive year in attendance and programming. After a short time, it was noted that as people left for the evening, there was not enough visible lighting to allow for attendees to safely exit the amphitheater and the lights along City Center Drive were not working.

Each portion of the project should have included a bill, which would have been submitted for payment under the cities allowable procurement under the city administrator's purview at the time. In September/October Carolina Power submitted a bill in the amount of \$49,000 for all work done over the 2 year period. The work was still not completed and was not complete until January of this year. There were some discrepancies and after some negotiations, the bill is now \$44,963.18. It is recommended the funding should come from hospitality and accommodations.

Chairman Matney said he does not agree with the fact Carolina Power went so long without billing us for the projects, but we need to pay them for the work that was done.

Councilman Crosby asked if the numbers seemed reasonable. Van answered the bollards are expensive with the lights themselves, concrete, and conduit. That project alone was about \$10,000. Two new 200 amps were installed as well as other things included.

Councilman Crosby made a motion to forward this to council with a recommendation to finalize payment and fund the \$44,963.18 out of hospitality and accommodations. Councilman Merritt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

Councilman Merritt asked if any of the 5 items had public council approval. Van answered no. Brandon noted there will be a budget amendment later in the year and this will be a part of that amendment. Councilman Merritt said if we had a po system, we wouldn't be in this position. Brandon said we have one for the cultural center renovations. Councilman Merritt said we wouldn't be in the situation with the electrical panels either. One of the

200 amp panels was not for the restroom, because the contractors didn't know anything about that. They were going to bore from the sub-panel at the road. The boring became cost prohibitive and then they went to the 200 amp panel. Council was not fully aware of this. Individual council members, but not the full body.

Chairman Matney said hopefully this is the last bit of cleanup on this project that needs to be done.

Councilman Merritt made a motion to go into executive session with Councilman Crosby seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of a contractual matter involving Family Dollar as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70

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Chairman Matney reconvened the meeting. Councilman Merritt reported no decisions were made and no action taken.

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

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk**