

Minutes
Special Called EPD Committee
July 15, 2019
5:00 p.m.
Upstairs Conference Room

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

1. Call to Order- Chairman Matney
2. New Business
 - a. Motion to go into executive session

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

Executive Session for the consideration of Economic Development Matters involving Project Square, Project Salsa and Project KL as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(5)

Chairman Matney called the meeting back to order. Councilman Crosby reported no action was taken and no decisions were made in executive session.

- b. Possible action on items discussed in executive session- None
 - c. Rural Development Act Contract and use of Utility Tax Credits

Community Development staff recently reached out to Laurens Electric Co-op requesting funding of \$100,000 in utility tax credits toward development of a 150,000 sq. ft. industrial site in Brookfield South. This is a new project by Hughes Commercial and is a collaboration of the developer, City of Mauldin and LEC. The project will consist of moving a Duke Energy high wire power line.

After reviewing the plans for infrastructure development, LEC approved the use of \$100,000 in UTC funding. These funds have to be funneled through a local municipality and include infrastructure improvements or repairs. Staff recommends approval of this contract.

Councilman Crosby made a motion to send this item to council with a recommendation to approve the contract. Chairman Matney seconded.

Councilman Merritt asked if a Duke Power line is to be moved off the property to allow a development to tie into a Laurens Electric line. Van said Hughes Commercial would be responsible for moving the line. Laurens Electric is giving \$100,000 in utility tax credits to Hughes Commercial to move Duke Energy's line. Councilman Merritt asked if the development would be serviced by Laurens Electric once it is complete. Van said that was correct.

Councilman Crosby asked if the \$100,000 in UTC would go towards the \$500,000 cost to move the line, making the total \$400,000 that the developer would pay out of pocket. The City pays nothing. Van said that was correct. There will be a budget amendment in the future to receive the funds and then disperse to Hughes Commercial after the project is completed.

The vote on the motion to move this item to council was unanimous (3-0).

3. Adjournment- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk