

Minutes
EPD Committee
May 4, 2020
6th committee meeting

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney, Committee members Diane Kuzniar and Interim Committee Member Mayor Terry Merritt all present remotely. Community and Development Director Van Broad was present remotely and City Administrator Brandon Madden was present onsite at city hall.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Matney

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. EPD Committee Meeting: March 2, 2020

Mayor Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman Kuzniar seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Department Reports

Community Development Director Van Broad

Budget Review- The budget for the department is 21% over. The Community Development Department carried part of a salary that should have been coded to a different department. The UTC tax money is also included in the budget.

Some of our summer programs are being rescheduled. The Farmer's Market may start a little later than normal. The department is still in contact with restaurant groups and other businesses to be ready when things start moving again.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

a. GCRA Partnership Renewal- GCRA handles the funds for CDBG. The funds are primarily used for housing. The partnership between the City and GCRA allows GCRA to manage and appropriate HUD funded projects for the City of Mauldin, with

Council direction and approval. Utilizing HUD funds derived by Federal guidelines and formula, the City receives a proportional share provided to the County and the City.

It is required by HUD that GCRA notify participating partners every three years that they are allowed to opt out. The renewal process will engage the services of GCRA for another three-year term beginning and ending July 1, 2021-June 30, 2023.

Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to send this to Council to reauthorize the contract. Mayor Merritt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

b. Demolition Services- This is part of the executive session discussions. After executive session, Brandon reported that a company would be engaged for demolition of City buildings. The company recommended by staff is Complete Demolition Services. Mayor Merritt made a motion to send this to Council recommending Complete Demolition Services with Councilwoman Kuzniar seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

- c. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of Economic Development matters regarding Project Circle and City Center as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(5)

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

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

- d. Possible action on items discussed in executive session

Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to send to council a recommendation to fund a Bridges Road traffic study at the cost of \$18,000. Mayor Merritt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment-

Jigar Patel asked a question about the demolition of city buildings. Chairman Matney told him this was an executive session matter and could not be discussed at this time.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk