

Minutes
EPD Committee
Monday, July 6, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: City Hall

Committee Members present: Chairman Taft Matney, Committee members Diane Kuzniar and Mayor Merritt. Community Development Director Van Broad was present along with Brandon Madden, City Administrator.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Taft Matney
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. EPD Committee Meeting: June 1,2020
Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted with Mayor Merritt seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Department Reports
Community Development Director Van Broad

The department continues to work hard on development for the City.

Beachin' Fridays has been postponed.

Budget Review
5. Unfinished Business- None
6. New Business- Chairman Taft Matney

a. **C- Fund Collaboration Request**

Consideration and action on agreeing to assist in funding the redesign of Standing Springs Road and Ashmore Bridge Road interchange in cooperation with the County of Greenville SC. Cost: \$50,000

The City of Mauldin worked to attain access and annexation of the former Bonnie Brae Golf Course along Ashmore Bridge Road. The site was annexed into the city with plans to develop a 700-800 lot housing subdivision. Concerns mounted regarding increased traffic, and the

awkward approach of Standing Springs Road onto Ashmore Bridge, which led the county to seek collaborating partners in re-aligning the access point interchange. After initial correspondence and cost estimates, Greenville County, and Mark III Properties, (the developer), will request along with SCDOT approval of the realignment and funding from C-Funds / GLDTC. The county and Mark III Properties is asking the City of Mauldin to invest in the funding of the project in the amount of \$50,000. Total cost will exceed \$1,200,000. Greenville County will be the requesting agent and will be responsible for all cost over-runs.

Chairman Matney asked how much this project would help ease congestion. Mr. Broad said it would improve accessibility to Standing Springs Road. Councilwoman Kuzniar asked what would happen to the project if we do not fund the \$50,000. Mr. Broad said he thought the project would continue anyway. Mayor Merritt asked how we could look at our citizens and tell them we are going to fund a project that belongs to SCDOT in Greenville County also knowing gas tax is going up \$.02 a gallon. Children have to jump in a ditch on Corn Road to not be run over walking to Mauldin High school, but we can give \$50,000 for this project.

Mr. Broad said this type of development is a balancing act and it will help our citizen base and bring more development to Mauldin.

Action: Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to send this item to Council with Chairman Matney seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

b. **Consideration and Possible Action on an Ordinance to require face Coverings Under Certain Conditions**

Chairman Matney said the cases of COVID are increasing and South Carolina is on the quarantine list for traveling. He respects individual responsibility, but we need to be leaders and help protect our citizens and employees. This will be an emergency ordinance that only requires one reading. It will require any entering a grocery store or pharmacy to wear a face covering. There will also be a recommendation that anyone entering a public building wear a mask.

Action: Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to send this item to Council with Mayor Merritt seconding.

Councilwoman Kuzniar said this ordinance follows Greenville, but asked how do you enforce this. Chairman Matney said we are not going to allocate police resources to enforce this. It is more a situation of someone is being brazen about it and if there is a law enforcement officer around, they can ask the person to put a mask on unless there is a medical reason not to. Mayor Merritt suggested that the social distance requirement wording be removed because it is not defined anywhere in the ordinance. Chairman Matney said it could be changed to say a social distancing recommendation of six feet.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk