

MINUTES
ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2021, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd committee meeting

Committee Members: Taft Matney (Chair), Jason Kraeling, Diane Kuzniar

Other present: Van Broad, Community Development Department Director and Brandon Madden, City Administrator

1. Call to Order- Chairman Matney
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Economic Planning & Development Committee Meeting: September 13, 2021

Motion: Councilman Kraeling made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman Kuzniar seconding.

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Economic Development Department Director Van Broad
 - i. Budget Review

20,000-25,000 Cultural Center mailings have been sent out.

The Cultural Center work is progressing.

The City Center project is continuing.

Aldi will have a grand opening on October 21, 2021.

Chairman Matney asked about the wiring for Beachin' Christmas. Mr. Broad answered the wiring is complete. The department will hold a fantastic Beachin' Christmas next year.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.
6. New Business
 - a. Maintenance Agreement with SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT)

During its July 19 meeting, City Council approved a maintenance agreement with SCDOT with amendments. Upon transmittal of the Council approved agreement to SCDOT, SCDOT rejected the majority of the amendments proposed by City Council. The main amendment is if the road has to be widened and the bridge moved, it will be the City's responsibility to pay for the costs associated with the move.

Motion: Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to send this item to Council. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

Chairman Matney said this boils down to if we want the bridge, we have to accept the contract. Van Broad said this road has already been widened. DOT does not believe the road will need to be widened again in the foreseeable future.

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

b. Underground Utilities- City Center Streetscape Project- Phase 1

Underground utilities have been a goal of Council. Staff recommends authorization to proceed with the steps needed to facilitate the undergrounding of electrical lines along Jenkins St. and Jenkins Ct. as a component of Phase I of the City Center Streetscape Project. The cost estimate provided by Duke Power is \$650,000. Duke Power will provide a dollar-for-dollar match for this project and has allocated \$482,280 for the City for undergrounding utilities. This would result in the City's portion of the project costing \$325,000. Funding is available in the City's Assigned Fund Balance or the Capital Fund Balance to cover this expense.

Motion: Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to send this item to Council. Councilman Kraeling seconded the motion.

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

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- Councilman Kraeling reported that a good development meeting was held with the Knollwood neighborhood. The response from the neighborhood was positive.

9. Adjournment- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk