

MINUTES
ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 3, 2023, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd committee meeting

Committee Members present: Taft Matney (Chair), Jason Kraeling, Diane Kuzniar
Others present: Community Development Director JR Charles and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. Call to Order- Chairman Matney

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Economic Development Committee Minutes June 5, 2023

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

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

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Economic Development Department Director J.R. Charles

i. Budget Review

Mr. Charles reported the pedestrian trail paving should start next week. The electrical on the bridge should be done by August 4th.

Several interested developers have met with staff.

Councilman Kraeling asked if there were plans to re-open Truth Grill and Chill since it burned a few months ago. Mr. Charles said the owner's granddaughter is in charge of the building and does not want to sell.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Business License Incentive Program Change

Staff is recommending a change in the definition found in Subsection (a)(5) Corporate and regional headquarters – "The headquarters must have responsibility for an area including South Carolina and one other state." Currently the ordinance states South Carolina and

two other states.

The other change recommended is to insert the following sentence at the end of Subsection (c) Abatement – “The preceding notwithstanding, the Mauldin City Council may negotiate alternative incentive agreements for economic development projects.”

Chairman Matney: I am going to offer an amendment. Right now, the corporate definition requires it to be located in South Carolina and two other states. This would have it changed from two other states to one other state. I am actually going to offer an amendment that it does not need to be in another state. If it is a large enough corporation operating here in South Carolina and we want them here because it is a financial benefit they can receive, do we really care if they are in another state? I will offer that at the appropriate time.

Seth Duncan: We are just talking about this so we can change it now. We are not in a motion to adopt.

Chairman Matney: I would prefer, and Diane, please tell Seth and J.R. what you think, but I am in favor of striking and two other states. Period. Headquarters would be in South Carolina.

Councilwoman Kuzniar: That is fine with me.

Chairman Matney: I don't think that creates a domino effect. The other thing, the other part is good.

J.R. Charles: So, South Carolina or operations in South Carolina. I will bring it back to you.

Motion: Councilman Kraeling: I make a motion at this time to send to full Council the changes discussed, to change the business license fee abatement program as discussed.

Councilwoman Kuzniar seconded the motion.

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

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

