

**ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 7, 2024, 6PM**  
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5 E. BUTLER ROAD**  
**1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting**

Committee Members present were Taft Matney (Chair), Mark Steenback and Jason Kraeling  
Others present were 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 August 5, 2024

**Motion:** Councilman Steenback made a motion to accept the minutes with Councilman Kraeling seconding.

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

**4. Reports or Communications from City Officers**

a. City Administrator Seth Duncan

Administrator Duncan reported on new City businesses that have opened. An expansion of the Brookwood YMCA was approved by the Planning Commission at their September meeting.

**5. Unfinished Business-** There is no unfinished business.

**6. New Business**

a. Mauldin Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee

The state imposes a 2 percent accommodations tax and credits it to the municipality or county in which the tax was collected. A municipality receiving more than \$50,000 in revenue from the state accommodations tax is required by S.C. Code Section 6-4-25 to appoint an advisory committee to make recommendations for how the revenue generated from the accommodations tax should be spent.

The advisory committee consists of seven members, with a majority being selected from the hospitality industry of the municipality receiving the revenue. At least two of the hospitality industry members must be from the lodging industry, where applicable. One member must represent the cultural organizations of the municipality receiving the revenue.

The advisory committee submits written recommendations to the municipal council at least once annually. The report addresses how to spend the portion of accommodations tax revenue that remains after allocations are made to the general and the tourism and promotion funds. The municipal council may accept, reject, or modify these recommendations.

The resolution included in committee's packet will establish an accommodations tax advisory committee in accordance with S.C. Code Section 6-4-25. This resolution also establishes bylaws for this Committee which outline the purpose and duties of the Committee, its composition and membership, and other matters pertaining to terms of appointment, meetings, and amendments to the bylaws.

Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee members will need to be appointed and the City has seven applications for membership.

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send the resolution to Council for approval. Councilman Steenback seconded the motion.

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

**Motion:** Councilman Kraeling made a motion to send the Committee appointments to Council for approval. Councilman Steenback 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 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk