

**MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 2, 2024, 6PM**  
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5 E. BUTLER ROAD**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> committee meeting**

Committee Members present: Taft Matney (Chair), Mark Steenback and Jason Kraeling  
Others present: 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 November 4, 2024

**Motion:** Councilman Steenback 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. City Administrator Seth Duncan

Mr. Duncan reported that Greenlink is making improvements to its bus stops and shelters.

Good progress has been made on City Center Village. Townhomes are coming out of the ground. Work is picking up at the pickle yard. The old sheet metal is being removed from the building. Duke is finishing up the last part of their utility relocation now. All utility relocations from Duke and AT&T should be done by the end of December. Streetscaping should be completed by end of January, or the first of February.

Due diligence continues on the stadium project. The parking plan is expected by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

**6. New Business**

a. Discussion on Cultural Center Theater

The Mauldin Cultural Center is home to the Mauldin Theatre Company, the city's in-house theatre program and funded primarily through the City of Mauldin. The Mauldin Theatre Company is setting ambitious goals for the upcoming season, building upon the

extraordinary success, which included winning Best of the Upstate for Community Theatre and experiencing rapid growth in community and performer interest.

The Theatre will focus on maintaining artistic excellence, expanding community engagement, enhancing youth programming, ensuring financial sustainability, and fostering a diverse and inclusive environment.

Through continued growth and innovation, the Mauldin Theatre Company is committed to making a lasting impact on the arts scene in the Upstate region

Separation of Mauldin Theatre Company and Youth Theatre:

Distinct Programming: Create separate programming for the MTC and Youth Theatre to better cater to the specific needs and interests of each group.

Educational Focus: Emphasize the educational aspects of the Youth Theatre program, providing opportunities for growth and development.

Expansion of Educational Programming:

Performance Opportunities: Increase the number and variety of performance opportunities for Youth Theatre participants throughout the year.

Wider Age Range: Cater to a wider age range within the Youth Theatre program to accommodate different skill levels and interests.

Revised Summer Camps:

Schedule Adjustment: Modify the summer camp schedule based on feedback from parent surveys and staff capabilities.

Quality Improvement: Focus on improving the overall quality and experience of the summer camps.

Expanded Opportunities: Creating a space where kids with disabilities have the opportunity to get involved with our camps and perform on-stage.

By implementing these changes, the Mauldin Theatre Company (MTC) can provide a more focused and enriching experience for both patrons and performers, while also expanding its educational offerings, financial resources, and revenue generation. Additionally, the MTC can position itself as a leader in the local arts community by offering innovative and high-quality programming.

Kristopher Parker was present and said he is excited about what is happening at the theater and is very appreciative of the relationship the theater has with the City.

## **7. Public Comment- None**

**8. Committee Concerns-** None

**9. Adjournment-** Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk