



**ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026, 6PM**  
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5 EAST BUTLER ROAD, MAULDIN, SC 29662**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Taft Matney (Chair), Mark Steenback, and Carol King

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**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Public Comment (Agenda Items)**
3. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
  - a. April 6, 2026 [Pages 2-3 ]
4. **Reports or Communications from City Officers**
  - a. Seth Duncan, City Administrator
  - b. Greg Saxton, Assistant City Administrator
5. **Unfinished Business**

*There is no unfinished business.*
6. **New Business**
  - a. Fireworks Ordinance Amendment [Pages 4-6]
7. **Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**
8. **Committee Concerns**
9. **Adjournment**

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**MINUTES**  
**ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 6, 2026, 6PM**  
**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**5 E. BUTLER ROAD**  
**1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting**

Committee Members present: Taft Matney (Chair), Mark Steenback and Carol King  
Others present: Seth Duncan, City Administrator and Gregory Saxton, Assistant City Administrator

**1. Call to Order-** Chairman Matney

**2. Public Comment-** None

**3. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

a. Economic Development Committee Minutes December 1, 2025

**Motion:** Councilman Steenback made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman King seconding.

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

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

a. City Administrator Seth Duncan- Mr. Duncan reported the One Mauldin celebration will be held on Thursday at the Cultural Center from 6-9 p.m. and next Saturday is the Mauldin Blues and Jazz Festival, also held on the Cultural Center grounds.

Mauldin Cultural Center Cabin Water Damage Report

Mr. Fleahman reported water lines in the Cultural Center cabin froze and burst back in January, so the water was shut off. When watering the grounds at the Center last month, the water to the cabin was accidentally turned on, causing flooding in the cabin. Floors, drywall, and electrical outlets that were in the cabin floor were all damaged.

Once Public Works staff is able to start work, they should be able to make repairs in 10-14 days at a materials cost of approximately \$5,000. Staff is waiting on the tenant to move his equipment out of the cabin so they can start work. The longer the repairs are undone, the more work will be needed. Councilwoman King asked if the tenant understands he is delaying repairs. Mr. Saxton has been in contact with the tenant and he does understand.

**5. Unfinished Business**

There is no unfinished business.

**6. New Business**

a. Discussion: Fireworks and Drone Ordinance

Staff asked for discussion regarding the potential revisions to Chapter 20, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article IV, Fireworks to modify language to simplify the approval process and add additional language to address other aerial displays (ie. drones).

Chairman Matney said he doesn't know if anything needs to be changed with our current ordinance. There is a section on pyrotechnics in the South Carolina Code. The fire department has NFPA rules to follow during the approval process. Currently, the Fire Marshal's office receives fireworks requests. The fireworks companies have licensed shooters and there are rules they have to abide by. Chairman Matney said Council does not need to be involved in the process and we could clean up the ordinance to state the approval could be done administratively through the Fire Marshal's office.

As for drones, Chairman Matney said they are regulated by the FAA. The City does not need to get involved in trying to regulate them. Councilman Steenback said he used to have a commercial drone pilot license and the FAA has very strict regulations, especially because of how close Mauldin is to GSP Airport. Mr. Duncan asked about regulating HOA or other entities if they want to do drone displays. The ordinance talks about what a public display is and the qualifications of the shooter. Chairman Matney said maybe that part is where the language could be tightened up and Council could consider a change.

No action was needed on this item tonight.

**7. Public Comment- None**

**8. Committee Concerns- None**

**9. Adjournment-** Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy Miller  
Municipal Clerk



## ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**MEETING DATE:** May 4, 2026  
**AGENDA ITEM:** 6a

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**TO:** Finance & Policy Committee  
**FROM:** Seth Duncan, City Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Fireworks Ordinance Amendment

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### **REQUEST**

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Staff is presenting an Amendment to the Fireworks Ordinance to more effectively and efficiently grant approval for public fireworks displays.

### **HISTORY/BACKGROUND**

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Committee met last month to discuss potential changes to the Fireworks Ordinance including modifying responsibility for approval of displays and other ideas. From the discussion, staff has prepared an update to the Ordinance to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of fireworks display approvals within the City.

### **ANALYSIS or STAFF FINDINGS**

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Staff is proposing the following changes based upon the discussion with the EPD Committee in April.

**Section 20-142.** Amend Section 20-142, “Permits for Special Displays”, as follows (*language that is ~~struck through~~ is language proposed to be deleted, underlined language is language proposed to be added, language that is not ~~struck through~~ or underlined is not to be changed, and \*\*\* represents sections of the Ordinance that have been skipped and remain unchanged*):

- (a) ~~The city council~~ **The City Administrator** may, upon application, grant permits to persons or organizations for special fireworks displays. **The City Administrator will inform City Council of the issuance of any permits and provide notification to the public.**

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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No expected Fiscal Impact.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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Staff recommends forwarding the proposed ordinance amendment to Council for approval.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

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- Ordinance Amendment

**ORDINANCE# \_\_\_\_\_**

AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV (“FIREWORKS”) OF CHAPTER 20 (FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION) OF THE MAULDIN CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERMITTING AND OVERSIGHT PROCESS FOR PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAYS.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to S.C. Code §5-7-230 (1976, as amended), the Mauldin City Council finds it necessary to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise the permitting and oversight process for public fireworks displays; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of South Carolina currently closely regulates and permits public fireworks displays and with this change the City will more effectively and efficiently grant approval for public displays; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Mauldin, South Carolina, in council assembled and by the authority thereof that Article IV (“FIREWORKS”) of Chapter 20 (“FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION”) be amended as follows:

**Section 20-142.** Amend Section 20-142, “Permits for Special Displays”, as follows (*language that is ~~struck through~~ is language proposed to be deleted, underlined language is language proposed to be added, language that is not ~~struck through~~ or underlined is not to be changed, and \*\*\* represents sections of the Ordinance that have been skipped and remain unchanged*):

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**Section 2. Severability** Severability is intended throughout and within the provisions of this Ordinance. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective upon second and final reading.

CITY OF MAULDIN, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Terry Merritt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Miller, Municipal Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Daniel Hughes, City Attorney

REVIEWED:

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Seth Duncan, City Administrator