

MINUTES
ECONOMIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 6, 2026, 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
1st 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