

# **Newberry County Council Economic Development Committee**

**Monday, Feb. 28, 2022  
Council Chambers, 6 PM**

1. Call to Order – Buddy Livingston, Committee Chair
2. Election of Committee Chair for 2022 – Christopher Inglese, County Administrator
  - a. Meeting Turned over to Newly Elected Chair
3. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda
4. Approval of Dec. 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes
5. Public Comments
6. Staff Report
  - a. Project Activity
  - b. Product Development
    - i. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park Expansion Update
    - ii. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park II Update
    - iii. CPST Update
  - c. Prospect Development
    - i. State of SC Korea Mission
    - ii. SC Auto Summit
  - d. Other
    - i. Economic Development Strategic Planning
    - ii. Central SC Invoice
    - iii. Recent Existing Industry contacts with Georgia Pacific, West Fraser, Big Gun Robotics, KRA, MM Technics, Pioneer, Kiswire, Comfort Care, KT Manufacturing, Samsung and others.
    - iv. Economic Development Review (SC Power Team)
7. Comments by and discussion items from the Committee Members
8. Executive Session

§30-4-70 (a)(2) and (a)(5): Discussion of matters incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and related to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by the public body, including Projects Titan, Harmony, Green, Joe Firefly, Viking and others.
9. Adjourn

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2021**

The Newberry County Council Economic Development Committee met on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

**PRESENT:** Henry H. Livingston, III, Committee Chairman  
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member  
Travis Reeder, Council Member  
Tony McDonald, Interim County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney  
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and determined a quorum to be present.

**2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda**

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, Mr. Shealy moved to adopt the Agenda, as presented; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Vote was unanimous.

**3. Approval of September 27, 2021 Minutes**

There being no changes to the Minutes, Mr. Shealy moved to approve the Minutes, as presented; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Vote was unanimous.

**4. Public Comments**

No comments from the public.

## **5. Staff Report**

Mr. Farmer reported as follows:

### **a. Project Updates**

#### **i. Project Activity**

Project activity is high. There have been 6 RFs since the last quarter. There are four potential expansions in the works.

#### **ii. Project Sun Rise**

Daeyoung Electronics is currently contracting a 240,000 square foot facility in Mid-Carolina Commerce Park II. It is a \$51 million investment with 224 jobs at \$17 per hour. This is a supplier for Samsung with various parts for its washing machines. They are estimated to be up and running by the summer of 2022.

### **b. Product Development**

#### **i. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park Expansion**

Work on the bridge over the creek will be starting soon, and there are plans to work on a rail site. This expansion opens up 8 new sites for development.

#### **ii. Mid-Carolina Commerce Park II**

All residential lots have been rezoned to industrial, and this has been designated as a Palmetto Site. The first tenant in this park will be Daeyoung Electronics. The County will need to fund an entrance and signage. The signage will cost upward of \$50,000. A public road of approximately 1500 feet will be built. When another facility is added to the park, the road will wrap around.

#### **iii. Repairing and resurfacing Mawsons Way**

This road needs extensive repairs. A 2017 estimate for repairs was \$1.7 million.

### **c. Prospect Development**

#### **i. State of SC Korea Mission**

There were 6 nights of virtual meetings. Prospects are looking for capital and customers. Mr. Farmer met with 13 Korean companies with interests in

expanding to the United States. William Chang of KRA had many positive things to say about South Carolina and Newberry County.

**d. Other**

**i. Economic Development Fund**

Mr. Farmer wants to work on this once the new county administrator is on board.

**ii. Central SC Invoices**

There is one quarterly Central SC Invoice in the amount of \$18,000 that needs to be forwarded to the full Council for approval to pay. Mr. Shealy moved to present this invoice to the full Council for approval; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Vote was unanimous.

**iii. Recent Existing Industry contacts with KRA, Falcon Boats, MacLean, Pleasurecraft, West Fraser, SWM, Georgia Pacific and Komatsu**

Mr. Farmer has been in contact recently with the above-named industries.

**iv. Newberry County Industrial Roundtable**

Mr. Farmer attended this event approximately two weeks ago with 30 attendees from 13 industries from South Carolina.

**v. ED Specialist Position**

The first round of seeking applicants and interviews was not successful.

A second round of interviews will start this week.

**6. Comments by and discussion items from the Committee Members**

No comments.

**7. Executive Session**

**Section 30-4-70(a)(2) and (a)(5): Discussion of matters incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and related to the proposed**

**location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by the public body, including Projects Bison, Titan, Bear, Aurora and an unnamed project representing a potential expansion at a local industry.**

Mr. Reeder moved to convene in Executive Session for the above-stated reasons; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION  
6:10 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.**

Upon returning to open session, Mr. Shealy reported the committee met for the above-stated reasons and no action was taken in Executive Session.

**8. Adjournment**

There being no other matters to come before the Committee, Mr. Shealy moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

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**Henry H. Livingston, III, Committee Chair**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**Minutes approved: \_\_\_\_\_**



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County of Newberry  
Administrator  
P. O. Box 156  
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Invoice	
Invoice #	7-4719
Date:	1/1/2022
Terms:	Due Upon Receipt

EIN 57-1003750

Make checks payable to:  
Central SC Alliance

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Quarterly Appropriation 2021-2022	18,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>