

**Newberry County Council
Economic Development Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

June 19th, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Courthouse Annex Conference Room

Present: Steve Stockman, Committee Chairman
Scott Cain, Committee Member
Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Chairman
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Committee Member

Others: Wayne Adams, County Administrator
Jay Tothacer, County Attorney
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist

Media: None Present

1. Call to Order

Mr. Stockman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Livingston made the motion to adopt the agenda. Dr. Rucker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of the March 27th, 2017 Minutes

Mr. Cain made a motion to approve the March 27th, 2017 meeting minutes as written, and Mr. Livingston supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

4. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Livingston made the motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Cain seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Staff Report

a. Project Development

Mr. Farmer reported that we currently have over 20 active projects, most of which are in initial stages, and that he will discuss further in executive session.

b. Product Development

Mr. Farmer spoke about the South Carolina Department of Commerce's LocateSC Site Enhancement Initiative. It is a grant award program that can offer up to \$300,000 towards site enhancement efforts. Mr. Farmer discussed some possible options, to include: furthering the road in the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park, grading of sites in the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park, adding a water tank in the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park, and possible land acquisition. Mr. Adams suggested we apply for the grant to use towards making parcel 14 in the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park "pad-ready." Mr. Farmer will write the letter.

Mr. Farmer reported that the certification for the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park will expire in 2018. He will notify the committee again as the date approaches.

c. Professional Development

Mr. Farmer informed the committee that in July-2017 Kara Cannon will be attending the Basic Economic Developer's Course at UNC-Chapel Hill, and he will be attending the Advanced Symposium.

d. Existing Industry

Mr. Farmer reported that the annual "Toast of the Town" industry appreciation event was a success. We had somewhere in the neighborhood of a hundred attendees.

Mr. Farmer also informed the committee that there are several potential existing industry expansions in the works, to be discussed further in executive session.

e. Other

None

7. Executive Session

Chairman Stockman stated that the committee would like to go into Executive Session in accordance with SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (2): Discussion of matters relating 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, in regards to Projects, A, Asteroid, Flying Eagle, Simonton and others, plus legal advice pertaining to pending legal matters. Mr. Livingston made a motion to go into Executive Session and Mr. Cain offered the second. The vote was unanimous.

[7:14 p.m.-8:19 p.m.]

Mr. Adams stated that the committee met in Executive Session and no action was taken in that session.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. Mr. Cain offered the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Livingston supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

APPROVED:

Steve Stockman, Committee Chairman

Kara Cannon, Recorder