

**Newberry County Council
Economic Development Committee**

MEETING MINUTES

September 25th, 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
Kelci Avery, Economic Development Specialist
Jack Bagwell, Piedmont Technical College
Paul Major, Major & Company

Media: None Present

1. Call to Order

Mr. Stockman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Additions, Deletion, & Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of the June 19th, 2017 Minutes

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

4. CentralSC Alliance Invoices

Dr. Rucker made a motion to forward the invoices to council for approval. Mr. Livingston supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

5. Public Comments

None

6. Staff Report

a. Project Development

Mr. Farmer reported that we currently have a dozen active projects, with three of those coming in the past week. Project activity is very strong.

b. Product Development

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.

Mr. Farmer also reports that bids are currently out for a mulching project in the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park.

The Economic Development Department is currently applying for various grants to aid in funding the clearing, grubbing, and grading of Lot 14 within the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park. This is a similar effort to what was done with Lots 11 & 12 in 2016.

Lastly, Mr. Farmer spoke briefly about the beautification efforts that have been on-going within the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park. In the past few months, the County signed a contract with Sanders' Landscaping to maintain the entranceway to the park, the banks of the roadway have been seeded, and irrigation was installed.

c. Prospect Development

Mr. Farmer informed the committee that the Economic Development website will be getting some upgrades.

Mr. Farmer reported on numerous recent Existing Industry visits, to include: MVC, McLean Power Systems, ISE, Industrial Pine, Comfort Care Products, Samsung, and Kraft-Heinz.

d. Other

Mr. Farmer informed the Committee that MM Technics will have their Grand Opening Ceremony on October 19th at 4:00 pm. He also reported that Newberry has been chosen to host a session of the South Carolina Economic Development Institute, in February 2018. Thirdly, Mr. Farmer reports that Samsung-Newberry has been chosen as

a finalist for the SC Branded “Project of the Year.” Lastly, Mr. Farmer notified the Committee that Kara will begin classes for the OU EDI on October 9th.

7. Executive Session

Chairman Stockman stated that the committee would like to go into Executive Session in accordance with §30-4-70 (a)(2) and (a)(5): 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 New World and David as well as multiple planned local expansions, plus legal advice pertaining to pending legal matters.

[7:20 p.m.-8:00 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 8:01 p.m. Dr. Rucker offered the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Cain supplied the second. The vote was unanimous.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

APPROVED:

Steve Stockman, Committee Chairman

Kara Cannon, Recorder