

**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.

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Henry H. Livingston, III, Committee Chair



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Minutes approved: 2-28-22