

Minutes
York County Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting
Monday, November 1 2021
5:15pm

The York County Planning and Economic Development Committee met on the above date for a Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting at 5:15pm at 6 South Congress Street, York, SC. The following Council members were present: Council member Allison Love, Council member Joel Hamilton and Council member Tom Audette. Also present were: County Manager, David Hudspeth, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, Economic Development Director, David Swenson, Planning Director Jonathan Buono, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting called to order by Committee member, Allison Love (Chairman Joel Hamilton was a few minutes late)

Planning Director, Jonathan Buono provided the Committee members with an update on the amendments to the Chapter 150 Building Code Ordinance. Specifically, adopting the most current building codes, adding a 4 foot barrier/fence around swimming pools, implementing a post facto permit fee, updating departments and responsibilities and reordering sections to place them in a more logical order.

Committee members would like to have an additional discussion about the proposed revisions and requested that 1st reading by title only, which was scheduled for November 1st, be deferred until this can be vetted more at a future committee meeting.

Economic Development Director, David Swenson provided an overview of Economic Development and reviewed the department's Strategic Plan update and an Economic Development activities update.

Mr. Swenson reported that 2 new opportunities, 3 new leads and 1 project visit transpired in October 2021. Year to Date (July 2021 – June 2022), York County Economic Development had 16 new opportunities generated (14 new and 2 expansions), and 3 project visits.

Mr. Swenson reviewed the next steps for the ED Strategic Plan:

- Modify the governance structure of the YCED with an advisory board appointed by the County Council and York County Growth Partners;
- Enhance and update the County's incentive guidelines;
- Develop a collaborative product development plan with public and private stakeholders;
- Create an infrastructure, land use, and funding plan to provide water and sewer to targeted areas of the County;
- Communicate regularly with the County Council on all things economic development.

Chairman, Joel Hamilton requested that staff develop a way to incentivize small businesses as well as the large ones.

Committee member Tom Audette stated that staff work with the proper individuals to make sure we have appropriate workforce readiness programs.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Allison Love and seconded by Council member Tom Audette. Motion Carried.