

Minutes
York County Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022
5:00pm

The York County Planning and Economic Development Committee met on the above date for a Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting at 5:00pm 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, County Attorney Michael Kendree and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joel Hamilton

Presentation was given by Hannah Horne with the City of Rock Hill regarding the Gravity Center. Ms. Horne explained that the Gravity Center offers the following services to small businesses in the Community:

- Mentoring (VMS) Programs
- Co-Working Space
- Conference and Classroom Space
- Monthly Subscriptions
- Programs and Events
- Research
- Advocacy

The Gravity Center's Strategic Plan:

- Financial Sustainability/Stability
- Create and Nurture Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Partnerships
- Identify, Attract and Support Programs that grow Entrepreneurship
- Non-Profit (501c3) arm to support the mission and vision
- Create a Gravity Center Capital Fund
- Develop and implement a communications strategy

The Committee members appreciated Ms. Horne's information and stated that the County should continue to collaborate with the Gravity Center to provide entrepreneurial initiatives and support to small businesses across the entire County.

Motion was made by Committee member Tom Audette and seconded by Council member Allison Love to defer the discussion regarding the Economic Development Board Ordinance until the next Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

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.