

Minutes
York County Economic Development Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
5:30pm

The York County Economic Development Committee met on the above date for an Economic Development Committee Meeting at 5:30pm at 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC. The following Council members were present: Council member Watts Huckabee, Council member Allison Love and Council member Tom Audette. Also present were County Manager, Josh Edwards, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, Interim Economic Development Director, Mitch Miller, County Attorney, Michael Kendree, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Teresa Curtice from Economic Development and Patrick Hamilton from Engineering also attended.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tom Audette

Interim Economic Development Director, Mitch Miller introduced himself to the committee members.

Small Business Support Efforts

Mr. Miller reviewed recent discussion regarding small business support and partnership efforts

- Small Business Resource Guide
 - Online and Brochure
- Procurement Match Maker Event
- Building Inventory for Downtowns
 - Vacancy Rates
 - Building Conditions
- Employee Training
 - Customer Service

Dean Faile, Executive Director of the Regional Chamber of Commerce addressed Council and explained that The Chamber will partner with Economic Development to develop the Small Business Took Kit.

Jason Flora with Rock Hill Economic Development also explained what the City of Rock Hill is doing to support small businesses with a Resource Guide.

Mr. Faile reported that interns at the Chamber would begin working on this initiative and will report back to Mr. Miller with updates.

Strategic Plan Priorities

Mr. Miller reported that the plan for Economic Develop is to develop economic opportunities that improve resident's quality of life and support our community's vision for economic

development by providing a favorable business climate that values local businesses, promotes economic vibrancy, and prioritizes partnerships to create a more diverse and balanced ecosystem.

- Promote Economic Vibrancy
- Invest in Quality of Life
- Promote Small Business
- Community Engagement

Potential ED Committee Priorities

- Revenue Generation
- Job Creation
- Economic Competitiveness
- Stronger Communities
- Sustainable Growth
- Placemaking and Brand Awareness

Motion was made by Council member Allison Love and seconded by Council member Watts Huckabee to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2024 and July 23, 2024 Economic Development Committee meetings. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Council member Allison Love and seconded by Council member Watts Huckabee to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Project Updates. Motion Carried.

There were no matters for consideration following Executive Session.

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