

Agenda

York County Economic Development Committee

York County Government - Heckle Complex
Large Conference Room
1070 Heckle Blvd
Rock Hill, SC 29732

Thursday, March 6, 2025
4:30pm

- A. Call to Order & Prayer, Watts Huckabee Chair**
Council Member Christi Cox
Council Member Tom Audette
- B. Order of Business**
- Introduction of Guests
 - Small Business Tool Kit – Dean Faile
 - Incentive Presentation – Mark Farris
 - Economic Development Fund
 - Priorities List Discussion
 - Economic Development Board
 - Future Discussions
 - Committee to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2025 Economic Development Committee meeting.
- C. Executive Session:** Economic Development Matter: Project Unagi, Project Sample, Project Cobra

Matters for Consideration Following Executive Session

Adjournment

Minutes
York County Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2025
4:30pm

The York County Economic Development Committee met on the above date for an Economic Development Committee Meeting at 4:30pm at 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC. The following Council members were present: Council member Watts Huckabee, Council member Christi Cox and Council member Tom Audette. Also present were County Manager, Josh Edwards, Assistant County Manager, Tom Couch, Economic Development Director, Mitch Miller, County Attorney, Michael Kendree, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Watts Huckabee
Invocation provided by Council member Tom Audette

Chairman, Watts Huckabee introduced the guests in the room, Amy Faulkenberry, Chamber Government Relations Task Force, Jason Flores, Rock Hill Economic Development, and Teresa Curtice, York County Economic Development.

Chairman Huckabee expressed congratulations to Mitch Miller as being the new Economic Development Director.

Committee Expectation, meeting cadence, and agendas for the next meeting

Chairman Huckabee requested that if any committee member has discussion on Economic Development, to please keep him in the loop on the conversation. Mr. Huckabee also explained that the Committee will be meeting monthly and the next meeting will be held at the Eastern Maintenance Facility in Fort Mill.

Committee to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024 ED Committee meeting. Motion was made by Committee member Tom Audette and seconded by Committee member Watts Huckabee to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024 ED Committee meeting. **Council member Christi Cox abstained from the motion.** Motion Carried.

Small Business Support – Small Business Toolkit

Dylan Bolton, Intern with the Regional Chamber presented the proposed Small Business Digital Toolkit. Mr. Bolton explained that this is a sample/rough draft of what could be provided to a business that is interested in coming to York County or businesses that are already existing and would like to expand.

The toolkit covered topics such as:

- Business startup checklist
- Steps to creating a business
- Location and zoning
- Small business tools and tips

- Steps to grow your business
- Organizations for growth
- Business relocation: before you buy, buying developed property; buying undeveloped property
- Resource guide

The Committee members would like the Chamber to give local businesses the opportunity to review the proposal and provide feedback before launching. Other than that, committee members were very happy with the proposed toolkit and were very excited to proceed.

Introduction to Sustainable Consulting Solutions, Mark Farris.

Mark Farris, former York County Economic Development Director, now owner of Sustainable Consulting Solutions introduced himself to the Committee and explained the process going forward.

Mr. Farris explained that he will assist the County in developing guidelines on how to and when to use incentives and how to effectively use the incentives.

Economic Development Fund

Chairman Huckabee requested that the Committee members and staff develop options that the Committee should consider going forward with the economic development funds. Mr. Huckabee asked that everyone be ready to present options at the next committee meeting.

Reconstituting Economic Development Board

Chairman Huckabee requested that the Committee members and staff develop options on how/if the ED Board should be reconstituted. Mr. Huckabee asked that everyone be ready to present options at the next committee meeting.

Director of ED update, to include, Agriculture

Mr. Miller reported that he is continuing to build relationships with Farm Bureau, Small Business Development Council in Rock Hill, etc. and working with Council member Tommy Adkins on meeting with Agriculture businesses.

Mr. Miller explained that he visited Swamp Rabbit Café in Greenville and talked with the leadership and received great feedback on how to assist local restaurants to work with local farmers.

Mitch explained that he is continuing to meet with local businesses, municipalities, stakeholders, Chambers of Commerce, etc. and is developing relationships in order to make York County successful and unified.

Committee members would also like Mitch to develop a relationship with the school districts and keep them in the loop.

Committee would like to have a joint meeting with Rock Hill Economic Development to collaborate and discuss the types of development that Rock Hill and York County desires. Mr. Huckabee would like this discussed at the April Committee meeting, after Council Chair Cox and County Manager, Josh Edward complete their meetings with each municipality.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Council member Christi Cox and seconded by Council member Tom Audette to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Matters: Project Sample and Project Unagi. Motion Carried.

Matters for Consideration Following Executive Session

No matters for consideration following Executive Session

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