

Minutes
York County Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting
Monday, December 6 2021
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, Planning Director Jonathan Buono, and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Joel Hamilton

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.

Motion was made by Committee member Allison Love and seconded by Committee member Tom Audette to refer pool barrier (150.12) and post facto permit fee (150.19) to the Zoning Committee. Motion Carried.

Economic Development Director, David Swenson provided an Economic Development activities update.

Mr. Swenson reported 4 new opportunities, 15 new leads and 1 project visit transpired in November 2021. Year to Date (July 2021 – June 2022), York County Economic Development had 20 new opportunities generated (18 new and 2 expansions), and 5 project visits.

The Committee suggested that the Department of Commerce meet with Council during a workshop in the near future to discuss Economic Development in York County.

Mr. Swenson also discussed the Strategic Plan Activities Update and explained the proposed layout of the Economic Development Board. Mr. Swenson proposed that the ordinance be amended to reduce the board from 18 members to 13 members.

Motion was made by Committee member Tom Audette and seconded by Committee member Allison Love to add the Catawba Indian Nation and an Agritourism Member to the board as Ex Officio members. Motion Carried.

The Committee also discussed existing business site tours with Council members. The Committee showed interest in attending and suggested that dates be provided to Council members for site tours after January 2022.

Motion was made by Committee member Allison Love and seconded by Committee member Tom Audette to go into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Project Update. Motion Carried.

No matters for consideration following Executive Session.

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.