

Minutes
Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2022
4:00pm

The Committee met on the above date for a Justice & Public Safety Committee Meeting at 4:00pm in the large conference room at the Heckle Complex, 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC. The following members were present: Council member Brandon Guffey, Council member William “Bump” Roddey and Council member Robert Winkler. Also present were County Manager, David Hudspeth, Assistant County Manager, Mike Moore, Assistant County Manager, Kevin Madden, and County Attorney, Michael Kendree. Lt. David Frye with the York County Sheriff’s Office was in attendance as well.

Meeting was called to order by Council member Brandon Guffey

Summary and Actions:

Lt. David Frye with the York County Sheriff’s Department provided an update on the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless. Lt. Frye reported that he is a part of a group along with other city officials and non-profit organizations to discuss various ways of combating York County’s homeless population. Lt. Frye explained that the group agrees on the following:

- The homeless situation need to be studied as a multi-jurisdictional issue since all areas of the County are affected;
- Accurate numbers need to be compiled
- It is important to discover what led to the individual’s current situation (mental illness, health issues, drug use, personal choice, economics, etc.) so the group can determine who they can help;
- Need determination if the individuals are from York County or have been brought here by other jurisdictions;
- Regulation is not the only answer, but may be necessary in some situations;
- Efforts to combat the problem needs to be coordinated efforts, largely between the City of Rock Hill and York County;
- Initial emphasis will be on the North Cherry Road/Riverview Road area and the Carowinds area.

Lt. Frye explained that the group was divided into three sub-committees: Research (currently compiling the numbers and data concerning how many are affected), Resources (coordinating a list of service providers for emergency shelters, short-term housing and meals) and Regulation (proceeding with identifying encampments and speaking with property owners in regard to code violations and reducing the number of desirable sites for encampments by conducting CPTED surveys (Crime Prevention

Through Environmental Design). Discussions regarding diversionary programs such as Homeless Court are being held as well.

There is a meeting scheduled on February 16th at 2:00pm with business owners in the North Cherry Road area to discuss their concerns and what they need from the City and/or County.

It is a consensus of the Committee that they want to help, those that want to be helped. However, the County's participation will have to be in a limited capacity without using very much funding, if any at all.

Council member Brandon Guffey stated that he would continue to be involved with the Catawba Area Coalition for the Homeless and keep the full Council informed of its progress.

County Attorney, Michael Kendree presented the proposed changes to the ordinance to amend the Code of the County of York, South Carolina, Chapter 30, Section 30.07 and 30.11, in order to clarify the roles of council committees, enumeration, appointment thereto, to rename two standing committees, to clarify the process by which standing committees receive and promulgate ordinances; to clarify and conform the code and rules of council to the council's custom and practice regarding ordinances, resolutions and its legislative process and further clarify the council requirements as to ordinance and resolution form, approval, writing, referral, readings, and adoption; to distinguish emergency ordinances; and, to provide for other matters relating thereto.

- Changing the name of the Planning and Economic Development Committee to the Economic Development Committee and changing the name of the Zoning Committee to the Planning and Zoning Committee;
- Clarifying the process for 1st reading of ordinances, no debate, refer to committee then back to Council for additional readings;
- Clarification on the items that are allowed to go into the Consent Agenda;
- Modification to the Resolution adoption process. Non-substantive items can go through the Clerk, County Manager, or County Attorney. Any substantive policy changes of the Council need to go to Committee for review then a report can be given to full Council for a vote by all.

Motion was made by Council member Robert Winkler and seconded by Council member William "Bump" Roddey to recommend the ordinance as amended by Management to full Council. Motion Carried.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Council member Robert Winkler and seconded by Council member William "Bump" Roddey. Motion Carried.