



Richland County Council
AGENDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
JUNE 13, 2023- 5:00 PM
Administration Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

Paul Livingston-Chairman District 4	Yvonne McBride District 3	Jessica Mackey District 9
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- 1. **CALL TO ORDER** Honorable Paul Livingston

- 2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Honorable Paul Livingston

- 3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Honorable Paul Livingston

- 4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - A. **PROJECT VISTA DEPOT**
(For discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body)

 - B. **PROJECT GROWTH**
(For discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body)

- 5. **ADJOURN** Honorable Paul Livingston

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MINUTES
2020 Hampton Street
June 6, 2023
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: PAUL LIVINGSTON, JESICA MACKEY, YVONNE MCBRIDE

STAFF PRESENT: LEONARDO BROWN, LORI THOMAS, ARIC JENSEN, CHELSEA BENNETT, THOMAS GILBERT, PATRICK WRIGHT, JEFF RUBLE, TERRY WISE

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: OVERTURE WALKER, DERREK PUGH, JASON BRANHAM

OTHER ATTENDEES: EMILY LUTHER

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at 5:00P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Livingston called for a motion to approve the minutes from 05-16-23 so moved by Ms. McBride and seconded by Ms. Mackey. In favor: Mackey, McBride and Livingston. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mr. Livingston called for a motion for the adoption of the agenda, with the amendment to defer item A. *Project Vista Depot*. So moved by Ms. McBride. Seconded by Ms. Mackey. In favor: Mackey, McBride and Livingston. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

Items for Executive Session:

A. Project Vista Depot.

B. Project Truck

Executive Session: Mr. Livingston called for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:02 P.M., so moved by Ms. Mackey, Seconded by Ms. McBride. In favor: Mackey, McBride and Livingston. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

Out of Executive Session: Mr. Livingston called for a motion to come out of Executive Session at 5:10 P.M., so moved by Ms. Mackey, seconded by Ms. McBride. In Favor: Mackey, McBride and Livingston. The vote in favor was unanimous. **No action was taken during Executive Session.**

Items for Discussion:

C. Workforce Development Initiative

Director Ruble presented the Initiative to the committee. The announcement of 4,000+ jobs associated with VW/Scout project has reinforced the need to develop a strategy that will create a

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formalized structure to recruit, train and retain talent for Richland County manufacturing employers. **Director Ruble** noted there are numerous workforce programs, providers and resources, however, these programs have not been able to fully deliver a comprehensive solution.

RCEDO has discussed with VW representatives regarding a consolidated, comprehensive approach that will provide the best results and eliminate duplication of efforts. **Ms. McBride** stated, she was pleased to hear about the plan and was looking forward to seeing it come together. **Ms. Mackey** spoke to the importance of including specific groups as the plan is developed, women, single mothers and the need for childcare which will allow them the opportunity to work. Transportation and second chance opportunities were also mentioned. **Mr. Livingston** noted that this has been a long time coming and he too is looking forward to the development of this initiative and the value it will bring to Richland County and our Economic Development efforts.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

B. Project Truck

Mr. Livingston called for a motion to move forward, with a recommendation of staff. So moved by **Ms. Mackey**, seconded by **Ms. McBride**. In favor: McBride Mackey, and Livingston. The vote in favor was unanimous, the motion carried.

Mr. Livingston called for a motion to adjourn. So moved by **Ms. Mackey**, seconded by **Ms. McBride**. In favor: Mackey, McBride and Livingston. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:25 P.M.