



Richland County Council
AGENDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
July 8, 2025– 5:00 PM
Administration Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

Paul Livingston-Chairman	Derrek Pugh	Chakisse Newton
District 4	District 2	District 11

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Honorable Paul Livingston
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6-17-25)** Honorable Paul Livingston
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Honorable Paul Livingston
4. **ITEMS FOR ACTION/DISCUSSION**

A. PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESS UPDATE

B. RIYA ABANDONED BUILDING CERTIFICATION

[Executive Session [Pursuant to SC Code of Laws, Sec. 30-4-70(a) (1), (2) & (5)] (Discussion of the terms of a potential incentive arrangement and contract with an industry in Richland County, South Carolina pursuant to Sections 30-4-70(a)(2) and (5) of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.)

C. COLLETT ASSIGNMENT

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5. **ADJOURN** Honorable Paul Livingston

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EDC Meeting Minutes
2020 Hampton Street
June 17, 2025
5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: PAUL LIVINGSTON, DERREK PUGH, CHAKISSE NEWTON

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: JESICA MACKEY *EX-OFFICIO*, DON WEAVER, ALLISON TERRACIO,

STAFF PRESENT: LEONARDO BROWN, LORI THOMAS, JEFF RUBLE, KATE BUGBY, PATRICK WRIGHT

OTHER ATTENDEES: EMILY LUTHER

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6-3-25): Mr. Livingston called for a motion to approve the minutes from 6-6-25, So moved by Ms. Newton and seconded by Mr. Pugh In favor: Livingston, Newton and Pugh. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mr. Livingston called for a motion for the adoption of the agenda, so moved by Mr. Pugh. Seconded by Ms. Newton. In favor: Pugh, Newton and Livingston. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Items for Action/Discussion:

A. Project Approval Process

Jeff Ruble gave a synopsis of the history of Economic Development in Richland County, including iteration of Alliances and the current Economic Development Office. Jeff outlined the way the Economic Development Office receives, vets and responds to projects. Finally, Jeff detailed how a project currently moves through the economic development process and the proposed revisions to the economic development project process.

Patrick Wright asked, a process question around incentives. "What is the benefit in adding the additional step?" Jeff stated, "it brings the Partnership into the decision making process, while allowing for additional expertise in the decision making process.

Ms. Newton asked, "What if any, communication process is there going to be between the EDC/County and the Partnership? and, "are there going to be cases where things going to the Partnership may not be brought before the Council?" Kate Bugby stated, that a report will be generated and presented to the EDC regardless of whether the Partnership accepts or declines a project. The report will be presented at subsequent EDC meeting.

Mr. Pugh calls for a motion to forward the proposed process to full Council for consideration. Ms.

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Newton seconds the motion. Mr. Pugh, withdraws and amends the motion, making a substitute motion to forward the proposed process to full Council, recommending their support and adoption of the process. The motion is seconded by Ms. Newton. In favor: Livingston, Newton and Pugh. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Livingston called for a motion to adjourn, so moved by Mr. Pugh, seconded by Ms. Newton. In favor: Livingston, Newton and Pugh. Upon unanimous vote, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: at 5:24P.M.