



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee conducted a meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at City Hall, 1737 Main Street, Second Floor, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. The Honorable Peter M. Brown, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and the following members were present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Peter M. Brown	Chair	Present
Will Brennan	Member	Present
Aditi Bussells	Member	Present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of June 11, 2024 Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes – *Approved*

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, the committee voted unanimously to approve the June 11, 2024 Economic Development & Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2. Central SC Alliance Update - Mr. Jason Guilietti, President and CEO – *Received as information*

Mr. Jason Guiletti, President and CEO said we have revitalized our internship program; strengthened ties with the City, private sector, and the University of South Carolina; and established a key partnership with SCbio (SC Biotechnology Innovation Organization) to boost Columbia’s attractiveness to businesses. A rebranding effort will be unveiled by the end of the year. Our data-driven lead generation program is expanding internationally with city staff involvement. The fiscal year budget is set, with plans to use state resources to support marketing and lead generation. A strategic planning process will soon begin to develop a regional plan that addresses both economic and community needs, while aiming to attract new companies and create jobs for residents.



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There was discussion about all economic development partners being on the same page; gathering statistics from the new webpage; and engaging with the Israeli healthcare sector.

3. Economic Development Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Partner Contracts - Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director – *Received as information*

Mr. Ryan Coleman, Economic Development Director reported that funding levels remain consistent with previous years, with the addition of Columbia Opportunity Resource (COR) as a new partner.

There was discussion about increased involvement from partners; defining measurable success for coordination and collaboration; and opportunities for real time feedback from the committee to the economic development partners.

There was consensus of the committee to refine the fiscal year 2024/2024 partner contracts based on today's discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Dr. Bussells, the committee voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session at 1:42 p.m. to discuss **Items 4** and **5**.

4. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(5)

Project Sparrow

5. Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Erika D. Moore Hammond, CMC
City Clerk