

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Chris Bowers, Chairman
Roy Costner, Vice Chairman
C. Claiborne Linvill
Chris Lollis
Alex Saitta
Henry Wilson

Staff in Attendance:

Ken Roper, County Administrator
Meagan Nations, Clerk to Council
Les Hendricks, Attorney

The Committee of the Whole met in Council Chambers, at the Pickens County Administration Facility, on Monday, November 20, 2023. All members of the committee were present with Chairman Chris Bowers presiding. Councilman Alex Saitta led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Chris Bowers called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order.

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Council Facebook Page – Log No. 223

- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill went into discussion on how she would like to see a Council Facebook Page to publicize Council meetings, post links to YouTube live streams, post announcements at Council Events, etc.
- Council and staff had a very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Discussion on what other Counties do regarding a separate Council Facebook page
 - Discussion on having the YouTube link meetings to Council's website page
 - Discussion on the Pickens County website
 - Discussion on adding a YouTube link to Council's Agendas/Minutes/Packets page
 - Council would like for the link to the live stream meetings to be posted by the agendas and minutes for each meeting on Council website page
- ❖ No Action Taken from the Committee.

UDSO – Log No. 141

- Council and staff had very detailed discussion that included, but was not limited to:
 - Overview of Council and Staff Discussion on the UDSO from previous Committee Meeting
 - Council had a detailed discussion on tentative development impact fee estimates received by Finance DTA
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion to carve Impact Fees out of discussion and send to Planning Commission to review and vote on. The motion was not seconded and died.
- After more discussion, Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to send the Impact Fee

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estimates to the Planning Commission for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

- Discussion on area map as reviewed by Council at the Oct. 16th COW meeting (Land Use Decision Matrix Scores by census block groups without parcel sizes)
 - Discussion on consideration of planning staff concepts for developmental areas
 - Discussion on traffic study policy
 - Discussion on if single-family homes are allowed in the gateway corridor
- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to add the natural heritage area to the map. The motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers. Discussion included:
 - Vice Chairman Roy Costner made an amendment to adopt the map proposal from staff and adopt the overdevelopment risk area. Motion was seconded by Chairman Chris Bowers and carried (5-1), with Councilman Alex Saitta opposed.

Chairman Bowers called for a 5-minute recess.

Chairman Bowers called the meeting back to order.

- Vice Chairman Roy Costner made a motion to make a minimum lot size of ½ acre in each of the zones. Councilman Chris Lollis seconded the motion. After much discussion and debate between Council, the motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Chris Bowers and Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.
- Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill made a motion to allow a townhome density of 20 dwellings per acre in the gateway corridor per staff recommendation. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner.
 - Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill amended her motion to allow a townhome density of 20 dwellings per acre, with 20% open space in the gateway corridor. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner.
 - Councilman Henry Wilson made an amended motion that the front setback for parking be changed to 40 feet, instead of 25 feet. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. After more discussion, Councilman Henry Wilson withdrew his motion.
 - Seeing no other discussion, the amended motion carried (4-2), with Councilman Alex Saitta and Councilman Chris Lollis opposed.
- Councilman Henry Wilson made a motion that any setback applicable to parking be a minimum of 40 feet for everything except multi-family homes. Motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Roy Costner. Motion carried (5-1), with Councilwoman Claiborne Linvill opposed.

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Vice Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Henry Wilson, seconded by Councilman Alex Saitta and carried unanimously (6-0). Meeting was adjourned at at 9:35 p.m.