

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL AS A WHOLE REPORT

Council Members:

Roy Costner, Chairman
Chris Bowers, Vice Chairman
Trey Whitehurst
Ensley Feemster
Carl Hudson
Wes Hendricks, Vice Chairman Pro-Tem, Absent

Staff in Attendance:

Gerald Wilson, County Administrator
Ken Roper, County Attorney
Crystal A. Alexander, Clerk to Council
Dale Powell
Chris Brink
Creed Hashe
Gary Parsons

Guests:

Roy Stoddard, *Town of Six Mile*
Kade Herrick, *Visit Clemson*
Troy Rosier, *Six Mile Water*
Joe Dunn, *Six Mile Water*
Tim Gilstrap, *Six Mile Water*
Keith Burgess, *Fort Hill Natural Gas*
Ken Porter, *Fort Hill Natural Gas*
Scott Snape, *Resident on Old Six Mile Road*
Brian Curry, *Resident on Old Six Mile Road*
Betty McDaniel, *Holly Springs Center*

The Committee of the Whole met in the Main Conference Room on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. All members of the committee were in attendance, with the exception of Councilman Wes Hendricks, with Chairman Roy Costner presiding.

Speeding Concerns –Old Six Mile Road – Log Item No. 67:

- Chairman Roy Costner advised that the Committee would discuss the Old Six Mile Road issue first in consideration of the people that were in attendance.
- Gerald Wilson advised that the Council has received supporting documentation that includes a petition from the homeowners on Old Six Mile Road for a speed bump. He stated that there is currently a policy or procedure that prohibits the placement of a speed bump on a connector road, like Old Six Mile. Mr. Wilson stated a speed bump could increase the liability to the County due to the high volume of traffic on the referenced road. He provided an overview of the related speed assessment and advised that this assessment was previously provided to Council.
- Scott Snape, a resident on Old Six Mile Rd., addressed the Committee and the Administrator in regards to his concerns of speeding. He stated that the rumble strips (inverted speed bump) that were installed were not effective and he sent a video shortly after 5:00 today. Mr. Snape requested the Council to install speed humps to resolve this issue for his neighborhood, and advised that he has received 100% of homeowner signatures supporting the petition. *(The Clerk will send the referenced video to members of Council)*
- Mr. Wilson reiterated that the County did install rumble strips today in attempt to help remedy this issue. He clarified that this is similar to the rumble strips on the sides of the road. He further stated that DOT does not recognize and discourages “Children at Play” signs; however, the County could donate them to the homeowners. Mr. Wilson further advised that liability claims may increase with the placement of a speed hump in regards to car alignments. He stated the Risk Manager has determined that this may be seen as an obstruction placed in the road that could damage property.
- Brian Curry, a resident on Old Six Mile Rd., addressed the Committee and the Administrator in regards to his concerns of speeding. He stated that the referenced road is more than a cut-through road; motorist that visit Issaqueena Trail use Old Six Mile Rd. Mr. Curry stated that more action is needed than just a increased presence of law enforcement.
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked the Administrator the speed limit on the road.
- Mr. Wilson responded that the speed limit is 35 MPH on the road from end to end, and the road is considered residential.
- Councilman Trey Whitehurst asked if the staff could install “Road Bump Sign” to mitigate the liability risk.

- Mr. Wilson responded that the staff is not allowed to place a speed bump or hump on a connector road per the previous referenced policy or procedure. He clarified that Council would need to change the process that is currently in place.
- Chief Deputy, Creed Hashe, stated that the County can partner with the State to increase enforcement in the area and profile speeding peaks.
- ❖ After more discussion, the Committee directed staff to research and experiment with different options to include the installation of signage. The Committee has asked for an update and possible resolution at the next council meeting.

Request to Accept Cribbs Way into the County Minimum Maintenance System – Log Item No. 62:

- Gerald Wilson provided an overview of the county maintenance system process to the members of the Committee. He also advised that no. 4 on the documentation provided to the Committee was incorrect, that Cribbs Way does meet the criteria. Mr. Wilson stated that their recommendation is to tar and gravel the road.
- ❖ Committee recommends accepting Cribbs Way under the county minimum maintenance system

Spring Break Rowing 2017 – Venue for Event (Visit Clemson/Tourism) – Log Item No. 68

- Chairman Roy Costner called on Kade Herrick, from Visit Clemson, to provide more information regarding the type of venue needed for his rowing event.
- Mr. Herrick clarified that the event would require a large parking area on the water.
- ❖ Committee directed staff to reach out to Duke Energy to look for venue options and report back to Council.

Road right of way usage and encroachment permits in regards to utilities and infrastructure expansion in Pickens County – Log Item No. 58

- Chairman Roy Costner advised that the Committee would discuss the road right of way matter ahead of ATAX in consideration of the utility representatives that were present.
- Gerald Wilson advised that Ken Roper would provide an overview of the issue, and then representatives from a couple of utility companies would also speak to the issue.
- Mr. Roper clarified that the current policy will not allow staff to grant encroachment permits on roads that the county does not have deeded easements. He further provided a summary of what was discussed at the previous [Committee of the Whole](#) meeting in April, to include the proposed language change to the county permit recommended by the attorneys of Six Mile Water.
- Members from the utility companies spoke regarding their experience with the County’s policy for granting permits.
- A representative from Fort Hill Natural Gas stated that they had not seen the proposed language and will not abide by it.
- ❖ Committee directed staff to coordinate with the utility companies and work on the language to include in a blanket application. The Committee would like a draft copy of the application by the June 5th council meeting.

Holly Springs Community Center – Log Item No. 49:

- Chairman Roy Costner advised that the Committee would discuss the Holly Spring Center ahead of ATAX in consideration of the people that were in attendance.
- Chairman Roy Costner clarified that the previous request of \$58,000 from the Holly Springs Center included funds to help with the director position. The Administrator clarified that the use of local accommodations tax for personnel costs may be prohibitive.
- After discussion, the Holly Springs Center would like to request funding from the local accommodations tax for their School of the Mountain Arts program that, in Betty McDaniel’s opinion, would promote tourism for Pickens County. It was further clarified that the money would be used as seed money for the referenced program.
- ❖ Committee directed staff to obtain a copy of the tourism/marketing plan for the School of Mountain Arts prior to the next council meeting. The council will take the plan into consideration for funding from the local accommodations tax.

Accommodations Tax Recommendations for 2017 – Log Item No. 65:

- Gerald Wilson provided an overview of the ATAX process to the members of the Committee. He called on Dale Powell to review the current allocation recommendations from the ATAX Committee.
- Mr. Powell discussed the recommendations made from the ATAX Committee.
- After much discussion, Chairman Roy Costner moved to recommend the following to full Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Carl Hudson and carried (4-1), with Vice Chairman Chris Bowers opposed.

- ❖ Committee recommends allocating the 30% state accommodations tax funds, from fiscal year 2016 and 2017, to the County Tourism Board to further allocate to the Hagood Mill, the Performing Arts Center (*formerly known as the Liberty Civic Auditorium*), and the Museum 501c3 organizations as the Tourism Director deems appropriate. The funds will be used as seed money to promote tourism.

- ❖ Recommendation from Committee to direct Staff and/or the ATAX Board as follows: obtain follow-up forms from organizations that received funding in 2016; change the process to require follow-up forms before recommending future funding; improve the marketing plan to better publicize the ATAX funding opportunity and increase applicants moving forward; reopen the ATAX application window to allow more organizations to apply for a period between now and when the board meets prior to the June 5th Council meeting; prepare a new recommendation that includes the consideration of any previous and new applications received; prepare a bullet point summary of why the board made their recommendation for each applicant; provide the revised ATAX funding recommendation and bullet point summary to Council prior to the June 5th meeting.

Building Codes – Log Item No. 44

- No Action Taken by Committee

Outdoor Special Events Ordinance No. 524 – Log Item No. 57

- No Action Taken by Committee

Liberty Civic Auditorium Branding and 501c3 – Log Item No. 50

- No Action Taken by Committee

Pickens County Museum 501c3 – Log Item No. 51

- No Action Taken by Committee

Hagood Mill 501c3 and Grant for Pole Shed – Log Item No. 52

- No Action Taken by Committee

Tourism Board – Log Item No. 63

- No Action Taken by Committee

ADJOURN:

Hearing no further Committee business, Chairman Roy Costner called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Councilman Trey Whitehurst, seconded by Councilman Ensley Feemster and unanimously passed (5-0). The Committee of the Whole stood adjourned at 8:52 p.m.