



County Council Committee Minutes

Livability Committee February 18, 2019

The Livability Committee of Spartanburg County Council met on Monday, February 18, 2019, in County Council Chambers of the County Administrative Office Building. In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of this meeting was provided in advance to the local news media and other interested parties. The following were in attendance: Honorable Jack Mabry, Chairman; and Honorables Manning Lynch and David Britt, Committee Members; along with Honorables Whitney Farr, Bob Walker, and Roger Nutt, Council Members. Also attending were Cole Alverson, County Administrator; Jim Hipp, Deputy County Administrator; John Harris, County Attorney; and Ginny Dupont, County Attorney. Honorable Michael Brown, Council Member, was absent.

I.

Chairman Mabry called the meeting to order.

II.

- A. Mr. John Slaughter, Superintendent, National Park Service, presented information in reference to the **Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail (OVNHT) Master Plan** from Rutherfordton to Chesnee. (Presentation and Video included in backup) There are ten Planning Segments across the trail. The trail is 330 miles long. Five Planning Segments have been completed. The Rutherfordton to Chesnee Section will be the sixth Plan. The National Park Service brings about 60 to 70 percent of the cost of doing this Master Plan to the table, and they ask the communities to come up with the remainder of the funding for the trail. This is federal funding that the National Park Service received. Part of the planning process allows Counties and Cities to compete for other fund sources. Multijurisdictional projects are able to get funded quicker and easier. The National Park Service hopes to get Spartanburg County on board with participating in this. Rutherfordton County, the Town of Rutherfordton, Polk County and some other entities are participating in this opportunity. Mr. Mabry stated that he appreciated Mr. Slaughter coming to present this information. This section of the trail is six miles. The request is for \$750 per mile for a

total of approximately \$5,000. Mr. Alverson stated that a Budget Amendment Resolution was included as part of Council's BAR packet that would be considered under Miscellaneous Council matters. At that time, if Council desired to support the Budget Amendment Resolution, it identifies both the funding sources, as well as the level of support that Council could commit to in support of this particular segment of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail (OVNHT). Motion made by Mr. Britt to approve this request. Motion seconded by Mr. Lynch and carried.

B. Information received regarding activities of the Parks Department.

Meeting adjourned.