

**Minutes**  
**York County Council Workshop**  
**February 12, 2019**  
**1070 Heckle Boulevard, Rock Hill, SC**  
**Large Conference Room**  
**6:00pm**

The York County Council met on the above date for a York County Council Workshop at 6:00pm located at 1070 Heckle Boulevard, Large Conference Room, Rock Hill, South Carolina. The following Council members were present: Council member Britt Blackwell, Council member Robert Winkler, Council member Joel Hamilton, Council member Allison Love, Vice-Chairwoman Christi Cox and Chairman, Michael Johnson. Also present were County Manager, Bill Shanahan, Assistant County Manager, Andy Merriman, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director, Kevin Madden, County Attorney Michael Kendree and Clerk to Council, Karen Brogdon.

Paul Basha, YC Growth Partners spoke briefly regarding an opportunity to combine government and business to help take York County forward.

Economic Development Director David Swenson provided an overview of the Public Private Partnership and the history of York County Economic Development.

Mr. Swenson explained that P3 is better for York County because of the following reasons:

- Helps develop a unified vision and strategy for development;
- Improves financial resources, budgeting and planning, human resources and purchasing;
- Continues core mission and elevates strategic initiatives;
- Improves inclusion and collaboration between public and private stakeholders
- Assists public sector in key efforts at the speed of the market not government
  
- P3 for York County would be an ED partnership, tax exempt 501c6 status, bylaws, employee and operational handbook and public and private funding with an increase mix over time.
  
- Membership structure/board representation would be based on amount given.
  - York County/Public - \$700,000 – 6 board members
  - Pacesetter - \$10,000 – 4 board members
  - Leaders - \$5,000 – 1 board member
  - Partners - \$2,500 – 0 board members

Mr. Swenson stated that the next steps to create the P3 Partnership would be as follows:

- Financial resource and program planning;
- Organization communication and verification;
- Timelines

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter – stakeholder meetings, budget finalized, county actions – Resolution and Ordinance changes, YCGP approval
- 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – approvals finalized and close out
- July 1, 2019 start date of YCEDP, hold first board meeting, communicate new changes

Mark Farris, President/CEO of Greenville Area Development Corp expressed his support for the proposal.

James Chavez, President/CEO SC Power Team also expressed his support for the proposal. Mr. Chavez also stated that they could be counted in as a partner with a \$25,000 grant.

Mr. Swenson stated that a Resolution could be before Council at the March 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to get the process started.

Chairman, Michael Johnson would like for staff to address all of Council's concerns prior to moving forward.

- What is the P3 goal?
- Is there an ED strategic plan?

There being no further discussion, the Council Workshop was adjourned.