

Planning Commission



Minutes of the Thursday, February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

Members of the Planning Commission

Briton Williams

Chair

Leonard Carter, Jr.

Timothy V. Key

Larry Watts

Bob Clark

JoAnn McKie

Dr. Christine Crawford

1. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** - Members present were Chairman Briton Williams, Commissioners Timothy Key, JoAnn McKie, Larry Watts, Dr. Christine Crawford, Bob Clark, and Leonard Carter.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – January 21, 2021 Study Session and Regular Meeting were approved, as written.
4. **Confirmation of Agenda**- There were no changes to the agenda.
5. **West Martintown Road Corridor Study**- summary of study results and recommendations.

Mrs. Hodges reviewed the West Martintown Road Corridor Study with commissioners. She provided clarification on the study recommendations with three time frames: Near term-2020-2025, Intermediate term-2025-2035, and Long term-2035+. Mrs. Hodges explained that improvement timing may change if conditions change. Mrs. Hodges explained that the near term projects are the traffic signals at Bergen Road and the I-20 off ramp. The rest of the near term projects are related to Hamrick Farms, which is a proposed development off Exit 1, going towards Knobcone.

For the intermediate term projects, Gregory Lake Road proposes to have installed a single lane roundabout.

The Long term projects are from 2035+ and will be centered around the locations near Knobcone Avenue, Old Plantation Road, and Frontage Road to Old Plantation Road. Staff reviewed a brief about funding options related to transportation projects and reviewed the prioritizations provided by Commissioners. Mrs. Hodges read the submitted public comments.

The Commission recommended approval of the study, with cases prioritized as indicated on attached list. The commission also asked that Council consider funding these projects as needed from the Augusta Regional Metropolitan Planning Study organization (ARTS), Capital Funds, and potentially, Impact Fees.

6. **Staff Reports:** Mrs. Hodges stated that she will start setting up appointments for the Planning Commission to get Surface Go Pro tablets for future Planning Commission meetings. Mrs. Hodges also stated that the Comprehensive Plan will be updated this year by the end of the year. There are several transportation projects and studies on the agenda, with pending approval from SCDOT with local agreement. Mrs. Hodges presented a video of large trucks and other vehicles using roundabouts.
7. **Adjourn:** With no objection, Chairman Williams adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Secretary to the Planning Commission