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Public Q&A Overview Minutes

The Town Administrator welcomed everyone and thanked them all for attending the public and answer session and 6:30pm.

Mrs. McKaba opened with a few housekeeping guidelines, letting the public know that any disruption would not be tolerated, and you would be asked to leave if any was made. She also stated that the council would not be answering any questions regarding the Reidville Town Center Project that the session was the purposes of potential annexation into the incorporated limits of Reidville. Mrs. McKaba stated that there was a public statement at the front table for those who were interested.

The administrator began reading the example annexation letter that the Town of Reidville sends out when petitions go out for annexation. During this time Mrs. McKaba and the Reidville Council stopped to answer or addressing questions and concerns from the public.

Some of those questions and concerns were the following:

- What is the process of annexation?
- Does the Town of Reidville know which subdivisions will get petition first?
- If subdivision roads are bad, if the subdivision is annexed how will that affect the roads? Orchard View, particularly in this question.
- Will Dillard Rd be lumped with Myers Park?
- How does the Town of Reidville decide what the millage rate will be?
- What services are available or provided?
- Do we have a plan for traffic and growth?
- We are already using many of Reidville's services and community activities. By annexing we help support those.
- If we receive an exemption from the county how will that effect our Town taxes?
- Is there any specific service provided for seniors on a fixed income?

- When does the council review or does the council know when they will not raise the taxes?
- A few Reidville Residents spoke and mentioned what they loved about living in the Town of Reidville.
- Some concerns about adding additional tax when all they pay currently is taxes to the county.
- Does the Town have a 10-year revenue projection of annexation?
- Questions in regard to how zoning is assigned.

The Reidville Town Council and Administrator addressed the questions and concerns according. Explaining that annexation is a process that is strictly laid out by state code. That process through the Town of Reidville is overseen by the Town Administrator and the Town Attorney. The Town Administrator explained the most commonly used annexation process of 75% petition explaining that it depends on the number of houses in the annexation petition as to when that subdivision is ready to roll out. Mrs. McKaba gave an example that the more house the more paperwork required the more paperwork the longer it takes to prepare that annexation. Once an annexation petition is complete, there is a first reading, public hearing, and second and final reading before going to the secretary of state. During this process, a zoning for the properties would be set.

Members of council and administrator addressed concerns like roads stating that if the road is in the county and on the penny tax referendum the roads would be fixed regardless of annexation. If not, then the subdivision could request that the Town take the roads into inventory and repair them.

Members of the council and the administrator addressed questions and concerns regarding the Town of Reidville millage. Stating that municipal millage cap is provided by the State of South Carolina and those must be followed each year when increasing millage. Also that the millage in Reidville had not been raised from 1997 when incorporated until 2023. The current Town Council evaluated each year the need for a millage increase and adjusted the millage if needed based on the allowed cap. They explained that any exemption from the county you receive would receive the same from the Town of Reidville.

Members of the council and the administrator explained that although there are current annexation petitions out and they will continue to actively annex, there is no

way to give a realistic 10-year projected income from annexation. The revenue from property taxes was explained and explained that there is no way of knowing exactly how many houses would come into the incorporated town limits of Reidville. They offered that if anyone would like a copy of the Towns 10-year comprehensive plan the public could contact the administrator to receive a copy.

Members of the council and the administrator stated that at this time the Town of Reidville offered sanitation pickup for its residents at \$50 per year per household. They also stated that they are actively working to getting a dedicated police officer for the Town of Reidville to help assist in response times.

Each member of the Town Council went around and introduced themselves along with their chair positions. Explaining what their chair offered and could assist residents within the Town of Reidville.

The public and answer session called to an end at 8:00 p.m.

