

City moves forward on hiring steering

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CLEMSON — Clemson's development moratorium steering committee approved a 14-page document Wednesday morning outlining the qualifications sought in a consultant that will help develop the city's future growth plan.

Steering committee chair Bob Brookover and members John Fulmer, John Ducworth, Steve Mudge, Johnson Link and

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Due to production problems Wednesday night, the wrong page A3 was printed in The Journal's Thursday edition. The newspaper has reprinted the stories that were affected by the mistake in today's edition. We regret the error.

Todd Steadman will serve on the subcommittee that will help select the consultant.

"Everybody (on the com-

mittee) is going to review all the submissions, and all but the subcommittee will have flow through on strengths and weaknesses of the requests for proposals submitted," Brookover said. "There's no limit on the number. If we're happy with three, that's our number."

The document says the consultant should be able to clarify and communicate the desires of the citizens, evaluate the city's existing plans, codes

and other resources in terms of the effectiveness in achieving the desires, offer recommendations in case any revisions are needed and assist in determining the anticipated plan of action and costs of moving forward.

As part of the request for proposals, the consultant selected must be able to not only work efficiently and effectively, but also communicate with city

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officials and staff in a manner that makes the process easier and enhances the project. The steering committee will act as the primary point of contact for the project.



Brookover

A short list of candidates will be selected, and their selection or advancement determined by several factors, including the ability to substantially complete the scope of work by June 30 and a preference that they have prior work with college towns. The candidate will also be expected to accomplish or deliver items that include: evaluation of current conditions as related to traffic, student housing trends and other factors expected to significantly impact future development patterns in the city, as well as existing plans the city has developed and existing zoning ordinance, zoning map and land development regulations; prepare drafts of new and or changes to codes, ordinances and policies that address concerns for consideration and adoption by council; educate the public and receive feedback on proposed strategies and recommendations; and develop an estimated budget and timeline for completion.

Brookover said a previous requirement that residents of the city or employees of Clemson University not be considered has been removed.

"I'm not sure it's legal to keep somebody out of a public process like this," Brookover said. "We don't know everybody that may have expertise and, who knows, somebody may come out of the woodwork and look tremendous that does have some sort of connection."

The committee also unanimously approved a timeline for selecting a consultant, with a request for qualifications to be sent out today, a short list of candidates to be announced Feb. 20 and a short list of interviews planned for Feb. 26. A date for the actual selection announcement has yet to be determined.

City Councilman Robert Halfacre said he is pleased to see the process moving forward in a positive manner.

"We're excited about the third party coming in, from an outsider's perspective, to give us possible recommendations on some of the challenges we are facing — specifically transit, high density and development,"

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Halfacre said.

Halfacre said having previous work in college towns is important for whichever consultant is ultimately selected.

"This is actually critical, I think," he said.

Brookover said the submissions can be reviewed "as they arrive."

"We don't have to wait until the final day to review them," Brookover said.