

**City of Fountain Inn
Council Workshop
July 26, 2017 – 12pm – Council Chambers**

MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESENT:

John Mahony
Andrew Stoddard

Phil Clemmer

STAFF PRESENT:

Naomi Reed (Administration)
Sandra Woods (Administration)
Mike Pitman (Administration)

~~Mayissa Woods (Public Administration)~~
Lori Cooper (Public Works)
Roger Case (Public Works)

VISITORS: 0

Retail Strategies conducted a webinar discussing the results of their research and “Boots on the Ground” tour. They stated that they found that Fountain Inn is losing the most money from Grocery Stores. Fountain Inn residents spend around 30 million dollars a year on grocery items outside of Fountain Inn. Retail strategies stated they have recognized four areas of opportunity. These areas are Exit 23 (Highway 418), Downtown, Exit 24 (Fairview St), and near Bi-Lo. They stated the top categories they are going to focus on for our area is restaurants, general merchandise, grocery, and pet stores. They stated that for the downtown area they will only focus on regional and local restaurants. For the other areas they will focus on fast food and fast casual services.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Woods
City Clerk