



Economic and Business Development Committee

Conference Call
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MINUTES Regular Session Friday, June 19, 2020, 10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Session of the Economic and Business Development Committee was called to order at 10:05 AM with Member Judy Costello presiding.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Don Fatzie	Chair	Absent	
Henry Bernstein	Member	Absent	
Luc Brami	Member	Absent	
Judy Costello	Member	Present	
Barbara Crews	Member	Present	
Daniel Dellon	Member	Present	
Scott Friedman	Member	Present	
Vishal Gupta	Member	Absent	
Nadia Khan	Member	Present	
John Lin	Member	Present	
Erik Morrison	Member	Present	
Tony Salah	Member	Absent	
Dileep Thatte	Member	Present	
Philip Usatine	Member	Present	
Chandra Wright	Member	Absent	

Staff present: Assistant City Manager Lonergan and Economic Development Manager Disque.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Session held February 21, 2020

Motion was made to approve the above minutes.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Judy Costello, Member
SECONDER:	Daniel Dellon, Member
FOR:	Costello, Crews, Dellon, Friedman, Khan, Lin, Morrison, Thatte, Usatine
ABSENT:	Fatzie, Bernstein, Brami, Gupta, Salah, Wright

3. DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. Review of City Services

Staff briefly described the City's implementation of remote work, including virtual inspections of commercial projects, Mayor and City Council and Planning Commission meetings, creation of temporary permits to accommodate outdoor seating and pick-up areas for local businesses, various impacts upon City functions, and the re-opening of City Hall under a phased plan.

B. Update on Economic Development activities

Projects covered in the discussion included Lakeforest Mall (extension of the agreement between the City and WRS to allow the owner an additional 90 days to acquire anchor properties), and 700 North Frederick Avenue (redevelopment of the Leidos property).

New prospect activity continued during the shut down, with interest from life sciences companies.

C. Q & A with Members: Business Challenges During the Pandemic

Discussion covered follow-up questions related to City operations, and speculation on future economic conditions.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the session was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Disque, Economic Development Manager