



MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Via Zoom
Monday, June 15, 2020 – 4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bricker called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

ATTENDANCE

Chairman Bricker, Committee members, Sako, Newman, Chacon, Hughes, Higgins, and Holmberg.

Also present were Economic Development Manager Jacobs, Economic Development Planner Arrasmith, Marketing Specialist Wallner and Administrative Assistant Follett.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Bricker presented the agenda and asked if there were any additions or changes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER SAKO MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bricker asked for a motion to approve the minutes for February 24th.

COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWMAN MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 24, 2020 MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION PASSED 6-0. COMMITTEE MEMBER HUGHES ABSTAINED.

Chairman Bricker asked for a motion to approve the minutes for March 2nd.

COMMITTEE MEMBER SAKO MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING AS WRITTEN. MOTION PASSED 6-0. COMMITTEE MEMBER HUGHES ABSTAINED.

BUSINESS

1. Land Exchange at Wellsian Way and Stevens Drive

Mr. Arrasmith provided the staff report and noted the map included in the packet was incorrect. He provided the Committee with the proper map and explained the circumstances relevant to each property and reason for the land exchange. Committee members asked several questions related to access from both Wellsian Way and Stevens Drive. Members also expressed concern with pedestrian traffic from the schools nearby. Staff provided

information about crosswalks and traffic lights at the intersection. Members also discussed and asked staff about future development plans in the vicinity. After lengthy discussion and consideration, the Committee chose to put forward a motion to approve.

COMMITTEE MEMBER SAKO MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HIGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL APPROVE THE LAND EXCHANGE AT WELLSIAN WAY AND STEVENS DRIVE. MOTION PASSED 6-0. COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWMAN ABSTAINED DUE TO CONCERNS OVER FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

2. Repurchase of 5 Acres at City View

Chairman Bricker asked Mr. Arrasmith to give the staff report. Mr. Arrasmith outlined the reasons for the request to repurchase. He noted Energy Northwest originally purchased the property for an emergency operations center but has since decided not to move forward with development. Mr. Arrasmith answered questions related to current appraisal of commercial property in the area. Committee members held a brief discussion about merits of the repurchase request.

COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWMAN MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HIGGINS SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL APPROVE THE REPURCHASE OF 5.1 ACRES AT CITY VIEW FROM ENERGY NORTHWEST. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

3. Purchase and Sale Agreement for Property Located at Wellsian Way and Stevens Drive

Mr. Arrasmith presented the staff report. He included an overview of the proposed project for the site and noted there would be a 3% finder's fee paid as part of the sale. Chairman Bricker asked for input from Committee members on thoughts about the use being compatible and desired in this area. Committee members discussed potential conflicts with access and crosswalks. Mr. Arrasmith noted that access would be required from Stevens Drive due to city codes and requirements. Other members voiced support for the proposal.

COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWMAN MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE REQUEST FOR STAFF TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES AT A FUTURE MEETING. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

4. Commercial Façade Improvement Program Application Review – Dovetail Joint

Chairman Bricker asked Ms. Wallner to give the staff report. Ms. Wallner outlined the project for Dovetail Joint. She also noted the plan may need to change due to new COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. Ms. Wallner also answered questions from Committee members relative to the overall project and funds remaining in the Façade Improvement Program fund for the year. After a short Q&A, Committee members held a brief discussion of the merits of the project.

COMMITTEE MEMBER NEWMAN MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG SECONDED THE MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING.

DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION ENSUED. MOTION FAILED, WITH 3 IN FAVOR AND 4 OPPOSED.

AFTER ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION COMMITTEE MEMBER SAKO MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF UP TO \$8,000 TO ESTABLISH THE OUTDOOR EATING AREA. HAVING NO SECOND, THE MOTION DIED.

CHAIRMAN BRICKER ASKED INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS TO VOICE CONCERNS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS ITEM. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION COMMITTEE MEMBER HUGHES MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER SAKO SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND COUNCIL APPROVE HALF OF COST OF PROPOSED OUTDOOR SEATING AREA. MOTION PASSED 5-2. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO AGREED TO COME BACK TO THIS APPLICATION AND POSSIBLY RECOMMEND AWARDDING REMAINING AMOUNT AT A LATER DATE.

5. Commercial Façade Improvement Program Application Review – Frost Me Sweet
Chairman Bricker asked Ms. Wallner to give the staff report. Ms. Wallner outlined the project for Frost Me Sweet and showed graphic representations of the proposed façade updates. She showed additional renderings and information received from the applicant. Ms. Wallner also answered questions from the Committee relative to the overall project and costs. Committee members held a brief discussion of the merits of the project.

COMMITTEE MEMBER HOLMBERG MOVED AND COMMITTEE MEMBER SAKO SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF HALF (\$10,000) THE COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR FROST ME SWEET WITH THE CAVEAT THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL RECONSIDER THE OTHER HALF AT A LATER TIME. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bricker thanked everyone for their point of view and participation.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bricker adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Prepared by: Lynne Follett, Administrative Assistant II
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