

MINUTES

**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday June 22, 2023
5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.
Council Chamber**

Council Members

Jeremy Nutting, Chair
Vic Pennington, Vice Chair
Traci Buxton

City Staff

Michael Matthias – City Manager (CM)
Denise Lathrop – Community Development Director
Laura Techico – Planning and Development Svc Manager
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Jodi Grager – Admin Asst II

Guests: Councilmembers Gene Achziger, Harry Steinmetz and Mayor Matt Mahoney
Residents Chuck Coleman, Victoria Andrews and David Emery

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting time was changed due to the cancellation of the Municipal Facilities Committee meeting.

1. Approval of 05.25.2023 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review and Update

Community Development Director Denise Lathrop narrated a PowerPoint presentation which included details regarding Item #3 on the agenda – New Land Use Legislation. Several topics were highlighted:

- Growth Management Act
- House Bill 1110 – Increasing middle housing in areas traditionally dedicated to single-family detached housing
- Related zoning code changes
- House Bill 1337 – Expanding housing options by easing barriers to the construction and use of accessory dwelling units
- PSRC + Vision 2050 – Regional growth strategy
- Comprehensive Plan Elements
- Public Engagement Details
- Please visit the website for a complete understanding of this project - <https://imaginedesmoines2044.com/>

The committee praised Community Development Leaders Lathrop and Techico for their commitment to compliance on these unfunded state mandates. Future plans include additional updates at various committee meetings and a Full Council presentation.

Adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant