

## **MINUTES**

**Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Thursday July 8, 2021  
4:00 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.  
Via Zoom Meeting**

### **Council Members**

Chair Jeremy Nutting  
Co-Chair Traci Buxton  
Mayor Matt Pina

### **City Staff**

Michael Matthias – City Manager (CM)  
Dan Brewer – Chief Operating Officer (COO)  
Susan Cezar – Chief Strategic Officer (CSO)  
Scott Wilkins - Harbormaster  
Beth Anne Wroe – Finance Director  
Denise Lathrop – Planning & Development Svcs Manager  
Matt Hutchins – Assistant Attorney  
Ashley Young – Events and Facilities Manager  
Jeff Friend – Deputy Finance Director  
Jason Woycke – Senior Planner  
Eric Lane – Land Use Planner II  
Bonnie Wilkins – City Clerk  
Jodi Grager – Admin Asst II

Guests: Councilmembers Luisa Bangs, Matt Mahoney, and JC.Harris  
Legislative Advocate Anthony Hemstad

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### **1. Approval of the May 27, 2021 Minutes**

Minutes approved as submitted.

#### **2. State Legislation Update – Housing and Tax Increment Financing**

Denise Lathrop, Planning & Development Svcs Manager provided a Memo: Legislative Update Re: HB 1220 and introduced Eric Lane, Land Use Planner I to Present House Bill 1220 PowerPoint. Planner Lane stated HB 1220 is in place to address emergency shelters and housing through Transitional Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing. The focus is on a housing first approach. This legislation will require the City to make changes to the DMMC (Des Moines Municipal Code) regarding the Zoning where this type of housing is allowed. Staff recommends that the Council considers allowing this housing in the same zones wherever hotels are currently allowed, (see Attachment #2 House Bill 1220 PowerPoint). Anthony Hemstad, Legislative Advocate, described this legislation as quite controversial and backed primarily by the City of Seattle. There are fairly stringent timelines and limited options. Most suburban municipalities have concerns and questions that don't have clear answers as of yet. The discussion included:

- Multi-Family Housing as Permanent Supportive Housing is generally more able to provide necessary services.
- Staff will determine the City's need for housing with assistance from other agencies (such as South King County Housing & Homeless) and it will be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- The housing could be provided by private enterprises or public agencies. The Bill doesn't require the City to build housing but there are expectations of compliance.
- Proximity clauses should be a consideration in the location of this type of housing.
- Solutions to homelessness are comprehensive and include mental health, medical needs and other services.

The general timeline for follow up on this item includes a draft of code changes, scheduling a Public Hearing along with Council consideration, and finally Adoption of the proposed code changes. Staff wish to bring additional information at the next Economics Development meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **3. King County Countywide Planning Policies Update**

Manager Lathrop met with South King County Planning Managers on June 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding the Growth Management Act and the review of submitted comments. It was recommended that substantive changes to the 2021 Countywide Planning Policies Housing Chapter should require notification to participating municipalities going forward in 2022.

The Committee complimented Manager Lathrop's proactive style on these sensitive topics. Additionally, a request was made to have an update to the Committee's 2020 Work Plan to review status of Tier 1 projects.

Adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant