

## MINUTES

**Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Thursday, September 26, 2024  
5:00 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.  
Council Chamber**

### **Council Members**

Jeremy Nutting, Chair  
Dep Mayor Harry Steinmetz, Vice Chair  
Mayor Traci Buxton

### **City Staff**

Tim George – Interim City Manager  
Laura Techico – Planning and Development  
Services Manager  
Jason Woycke – Senior Planner  
Matt Hutchins – Assistant Attorney  
Laura Hopp – Admin Coordinator I  
Jodi Grager – Admin Coordinator I

Guests: Councilmembers Gene Achziger, Matt Mahoney and Yoshiko Grace Matsui  
AHBL Consultant Wayne Carlson, Chuck Coleman, Martha Hamilton, N Curtis

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **1. Approval of July 25, 2024 Minutes**

Minutes approved as submitted.

#### **2. Comprehensive Plan Update – (Chapter 7 Housing Element)**

Planning and Development Services Manager Laura Techico presented the update. Manager Techico provided a memo, mark-up pages of Chapter 7 (Item #2, Attachment #1), and PowerPoint <https://desmoines.civicweb.net/document/346023/>. Manager Techico stated that tonight's briefing is an update to the Des Moines Comprehensive Plan which describes how the City will manage growth and provide necessary services and facilities over a 20-year planning horizon. AHBL Consultant Wayne Carlson reviewed the 2023 Des Moines Housing Action Plan. The Housing Targets and Gaps graphic summarized the need for 3,800 new Des Moines homes by 2044. The committee discussion included:

- Issues of neighborhood characteristics and zoning
- ADU utility requirements
- Building code questions/Comprehensive Plan Timeline
- Linear versus node format development surrounding transit stations
- Including the Housing Action Plan within the body of Chapter 7

The committee requested more time to review Chapter 7 documents and comment directly to staff. If substantive changes are recommended this may need to be revisited.

Adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Coordinator