

## MINUTES

**Economic Development Committee Meeting  
Thursday, January 23, 2025  
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**

Katherine Caffrey – City Manager  
Rebecca Deming – Community  
Development Director  
Mike Slevin – Public Works Director  
Bonnie Wilkins – Director of  
Community/Admin Services  
Tommy Owen – City Engineer  
Matt Hutchins – Assistant Attorney  
Laura Hopp – Admin Coordinator I  
Jodi Grager – Admin Coordinator I

Guests: Councilmembers Gene Achziger and Matt Mahoney, Chuck Coleman

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

#### **1. Approval of October 24, 2024 Minutes**

Minutes approved as submitted.

#### **2. Economic Development Committee 2025 Work Plan**

City Manager Katherine Caffrey reviewed the 2025 Work Plan which integrates Land Use issues. Additional items will be considered after the February 6<sup>th</sup> Council Study Session. Mayor Buxton requested adding a chicken ordinance for committee discussion. CM Caffrey suggested another potential item; a model for reviewing tax revenue based on types of development as a tool to inform decisions. The idea received committee support; however, it will need additional staff efforts for creation and implementation.

#### **3. Comprehensive Plan Schedule Discussion**

Rebecca Deming, Community Development Director presented a memo which included the history of Comprehensive Plan briefings to various committees and to the Full Council. She discussed public outreach efforts. At future Full Council Study Sessions, Ms. Deming hopes to make the large document accessible and give ample advance time for review. The Comprehensive Plan adoption goal is July.

Committee members suggested:

- Inclusion of staff commentary
- Summaries of main changes
- Agency/Legislative requirements

#### **4. Discussion on Potential Development at 26915 Pac Hwy S/26852 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S**

CM Caffrey provided a brief summary of a mixed use development which would include 7500 ft of commercial space and 290 units of urban style market rate apartment housing. The developer has not submitted an application at this time, once the City receives an application, there will be many aspects of this proposal that will need further research and staff review. CM Caffrey stated the developer is pursuing due diligence and wondered if this committee would be in favor of moving forward on this project. The Committee confirmed there is interest in continuing the process of a potential development at this location.

Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Coordinator