

MINUTES

**Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday January 25, 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
Denise Lathrop – Comm Dev Director
Laura Techico – Planning and Development
Services Manager
Bonnie Wilkins – Director of Community/
Administrative Services
Dan Hopp – Building Official
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Jason Woycke – Senior Planner
Scott Wilkins - Harbormaster
Taria Keane – City Clerk
Jodi Grager – Admin Asst II

Guests: Councilmembers Gene Achziger and Matt Mahoney
AHBL Consultant Wayne Carlson and Bill Linscott

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

1. Selection of Chair/Vice Chair

Jeremy Nutting accepted the nomination for Chair.

Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

2. Approval of September 28, 2023 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

3. Comprehensive Plan Update – Survey Results

Community Development Director Denise Lathrop introduced Wayne Carlson, AHBL Consultant to present the results of the public survey which was conducted primarily online between July 27, 2023 to December 4, 2023. The survey supported the 2024 Comprehensive Plan periodic update's engagement efforts. (See Attachment #2 for survey details.)

4. 2024 Work Program

Director Lathrop provided the 2024 Work Program for the committee's review. Senior Planner Jason Woycke discussed the Comprehensive Plan Update Timeline. He stated that there will be additional briefs to the committee and council as the project continues. The update is scheduled for City Council Adoption at the end of 2024. Middle Housing (HB1110) Implementation is a major focus for Planning and Development Services Manager Laura Techico. It is a new state requirement for increasing housing density. This is a complicated piece of legislation with many challenges. Manager Techico stated that a plan will be ready by December 31, 2024

and it will need to be adopted six months later. Dan Hopp, Building Official, commented on Building Code Updates. Mr. Hopp complimented the foresight of previous Building Official, Larry Pickard in using timeless Building Code language. Due to Mr. Pickard's efforts the Building Department staff haven't had to make amendments to the code in the last couple of years. However, staff have been working on an update which will be reviewed by the legal team before it comes back to committee.

The Committee discussed a few of the items listed under Tier 2 Activities. Director Lathrop indicated that Tier 2 Activities are not likely to be addressed by the Community Development Department unless new resources become available. Some of the Tier 2 Activities are being addressed by other City staff, according to Interim City Manager Tim George. He specifically mentioned that the Noise Code for new construction and the Short-term rental code will be presented to Council later this year.

CM George reminded the committee that the Marina Redevelopment Community Forum is scheduled for February 13th from 6 – 8 p.m. at the DM Beach Park Auditorium.

Adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant