

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Thursday February 25, 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)
Brandon Carver – Public Works Director
Denise Lathrop – Planning & Development Svcs Manager
Matt Hutchins – Assistant City Attorney
Nicole Nordholm – Assistant Director of Parks
Kyle Ehlers – Assistant Recreation Manager
Jodi Grager – Community Development Assistant

Guests: Councilmembers Anthony Martinelli and JC.Harris; Legislative Advocate Anthony Hemstad

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

1. Approval of the January 28, 2021 Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted.

2. Legislative Update/Potential Resources

Legislative Advocate Anthony Hemstad provided a PowerPoint presentation titled: 2021 Congressional & Legislative Update, (see Agenda Packet). The legislature is almost at the mid-point of their session with a lot of unknowns at this time. The positive news is that cities can count on a substantial amount of resources through the American Rescue Plan for Covid Relief provided by state and federal funds either directly through programs or indirectly through additional stimulus payments. Mr. Hemstad also described the Federal Infrastructure Bill which should be next on the schedule for lawmakers to consider. Of special interest to the Committee members are three Des Moines budget requests and the delegations that are working to further these projects: The Marina Bulkhead (Capital Budget \$4.4 million), the Fishing Pier (Capital Budget \$2 million) and the Barnes Creek Trail (Transportation Budget 3.5 million). Mr. Hemstad also mentioned the UW Air Quality Monitoring that is seeking support of \$940,000 from the Operating Budget.

3. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan Update

Nicole Nordholm, Assistant Director of Parks described the PRSS Update as primarily a function of the Municipal Facilities Committee with periodic Economic Development updates. A memo was included in the agenda packet (see Attachment #3). The Master Plan is required to be updated every six years in order to maintain grant eligibility for state funds in certain funding categories, including local parks. During the discussion, Assistant Recreation Manager Kyle Ehlers referred to the

update as an opportunity to plan for the recreation future for all age groups and diverse populations, and to develop relationships by reaching out to various Des Moines communities. The feedback from the Committee included:

- Additional equity language included in the plan
- Outreach opportunities

A consultant will be hired to focus on the PRSS Master Plan due to the current vacancy of the Recreation Manager position. The Committee recognized this project as requiring significant work and appreciated the efforts of staff.

Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jodi Grager, Public Works Administrative Assistant