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AGENDA

Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 29, 2010
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
City Hall South Conference Room

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of minutes of the June 30, 2010, meeting minutes.**
3. **Update on Marina District/Downtown Zone planning effort.**
4. **Discussion of architectural precedents and treatment of roof-top accoutrements.**
5. **Discussion of a proposed Junk Vehicle Ordinance.**
6. **Discussion of constitutional changes required in Sign Code Ordinance.**
7. **Committee member comments.**
8. **Future meetings.**

MINUTES – FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

June 30, 2010
North Conference Room
21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines, WA

Council Members
Carmen Scott – Chair
Melissa Musser
Matt Pina

City Staff
Tony Piasecki – City Manager
Lorri Ericson – Assistant City Manager
Grant Fredricks – PBPW Director
Patrice Thorell – Park, Rec & Sr. Ctr Director
Robert Ruth – Planning Manager
Denise Lathrop – Senior Planner

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes

The minutes for 6/9/2010 were approved.

3. Confirmation of revised work program, schedule and proposed stakeholder committee members for the Marina District/Downtown Zone planning effort.

Denise reviewed the changes made to the Downtown Planning Program based on committee members input at the last committee meeting.

Task 3: Modeling and Urban Design concepts – Chair Scott was not in favor of using the same computer modeling program as we used before unless there was more capability for a varied presentation. She also felt there was a need to show existing buildings and the need to model the existing limitation of 35 feet as well as any potential increases. She also felt we should continue to depict the buildings that will most likely not be changing in the next few decades.

Councilmember Pina suggested staff begin the modeling with the above framework and bring it forward to the Economic Development Committee for comments and input. He would like to use an iterative process to move this forward. Councilmember Musser expressed concern that if we get too prescriptive and detailed in the modeling directions to staff, we may lose sight of the big picture.

Chair Scott also indicated that she did not want this to be only one concept. She would like several concepts discussed throughout the process.

Denise shared the project plan timeline and discussed the impact of condensing work that would normally take a year into 6 months and detailed some of the changes. One of the changes is fewer stakeholder meetings. Chair Scott suggested that the stakeholder meeting set for August be moved to September. Discussion ensued about participation in the stakeholder group. Councilmember Musser felt it was important to have some different participation then we have had in the past with priority on some new faces. Chair Scott felt it important to have the people who actually own the property included. Committee members will submit potential stakeholders to Tony who will gather the input and seek committee approval prior to sending the invitations.

Denise asked if the committee felt an investors' forum would be helpful. The committee supported this idea.

4. Discussion of Permitted Uses in the Marina District/Downtown Ordinance

Robert distributed the draft ordinance for permitted uses that were written based on the suggestions of the committee a couple meetings ago. This will be presented for first reading at the August 5th council meeting. Grant reminded the group that there were stringent notice requirements associated with this.

Because the changes were extensive and slightly confusing with the track changes, the committee chose to review this document individually, so they had time to thoroughly understand it.

Robert pointed out some of the more significant changes and asked council members to pay significant attention to those areas.

Councilmember Musser asked about Marine Surveyors and how they will fit into this. Robert pointed out that under the actual "Marina" designation, there are certain ancillary businesses that are automatically included and Marine Surveyors are one of these.

Staff requested council questions or suggestions on the ordinance by the end of next week. Responses should be sent to Tony, Lorri, Grant and Robert.

5. Discussion of architectural precedents and zoning methods

Denise responded to Chair Scott's question from the last meeting about architectural requirements for ceiling heights in different building types. She provided reference material to review and discuss at the next meeting. At the next meeting they will also take up the issue of how different rooftop accruements should be addressed.

6. Discussion of creating an economic development position

Councilmember Pina requested that the SOW for the Economic Development position be revised with assigned priorities. Councilmember Musser spoke to the public perception that we might be choosing an Economic Development position over fully funding the SRO position for Mt. Rainier High School. She stated that there were multiple competing interests for the same general fund money.

Councilmember Musser shared concern that she has heard from others that if it is a priority position, we should try to find a way to fully fund it as a regular position. Councilmember Pina felt that a limited term position may get us to a specific point and produce a clear deliverable.

7. Committee Member Comments

8. Future meetings

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Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lorri Ericson, Assistant City Manager