



Economic Development Committee

April 12, 2016 Regular Scheduled Meeting

APPROVED NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis
Councilmember Justin Evans
Councilmember Tom Watson

Attendees:

Community Dev. Director, John Vodopich
Senior Planner, Jason Sullivan
Permit Center Lead, Jenn Francis
Administrative Assistant, Debbie McDonald

Guest: Wendi Woodyard, Chamber

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I. Presentation: NONE

II. New Business/Action Items:

*Approval of Draft Notes from March 8, 2016
Presented by Debbie McDonald*

Councilmember Watson moved to approve draft notes as written.

*MBA of Pierce County 2016 Housing Forum
Presented by John Vodopich*

Community Director Vodopich discussed the upcoming event will be held on May 4th, if anyone would like to attend.

*Economic Development Board for Tacoma Pierce County
Presented by John Vodopich*

Community Director Vodopich distributed the synopses from the Economic Development Board meeting.

Senior Planner Sullivan reached out to the City of Sumner. They believe the EDB helped them recruit warehouse tenants to their City.

Community Director Vodopich will see if he can find out what the membership dues are and see if they might be able to he come speak at an EDC meeting.

*Auburn 10-year Economic Development Strategic Plan Open House
Presented by Tom Watson*

Councilmember Watson was unable to attend but will send out the links to the event. They have an impressive EDC website. Suggest that EDC do a 10 year plan for Bonney Lake.

Councilmember Minton-Davis asked how a 10-year plan would fit in with the Comp Plan.

Senior Planner Sullivan commented there is a whole section in the Comp Plan called Economic Vitality that includes an implamintation plan and performance measures.

Community Director Vodopich distributed the Economic Development Board for Tacoma Permit Center Lead Francis discussed one of the themes of the day was developing to retain college graduates to live, work and have the recreation opportunities to keep them in Pierce County.

Committee members would like to know what the cost and benefits are to being an EDB member.

III. 2016 Actions Under Development by Staff: NONE

IV. Recurring Actions:

*Chamber Luncheon
Presented by Jenn Francis*

Ms. Woodyard commented their next luncheon will be April 21. With Sound Family Medicine and Relay for Life.

*Monthly Permit Activity
Presented by Jenn Francis*

Permit Center Lead Francis gave an update on permit numbers and how they look great compared to last year. There are several projects that will soon be coming to the City.

*Good Morning Bonney Lake
Presented by Councilmember Minton-Davis*

Ms. Woodyard the April 26th, meeting will be with Thad Huff talking about how to market your business and get the best out of community events.

Formation of an EDC Commission
Presented by Councilmember Minton-Davis

Councilmember Minton-Davis is making progress with the City of Sumner.

V. Discussion/For the Good of the Order:

Future EDC Topics

- Marijuana Revenues and Exploring the City's Ban

VI. Adjournment:

Councilmember Minton-Davis adjourned the meeting at 5:07.