

**ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee**

**Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, 5:00 PM**

**Committee Members Present:** Don Griffin and Rick McCanse.

**Present via Zoom:** Tom Mahoney, Chris Manheim, and Liz Vos.

**Absent:** Erin Folk, Rebecca Hazzard, Phil Lehmann, and Terry Schuster.

**Also, present:** Darin DeHaan and Mayor-Ken Williams.

Don Griffin called the meeting to order and called roll at 5:00 pm.

Rick McCanse moved to approve minutes from July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Seconded by Tom Mahoney.

Motion carried. No nays.

**Consulting Services:** Chris Manheim said everything is on hold with the Dayton Superior project. He would also like to get started on the visits with the contacts for the Summer Challenge project.

**Synchronist Summer Challenge Discussion:** Registration for the economic development group survey has been completed. The city is in the process of developing a list of individuals to contact to complete the survey for their business. The next step is to reach out to these individuals to schedule appointments to complete the survey. A possible idea is to invite business leaders to a public forum where they can participate in a larger group setting. The survey would need to be completed mid-September.

**Exelon Update:** Statutorily Exelon had to file a date to close.

**Broadband Progress:** The County is applying for a grant to help with the cost of broadband service. The goal is 30 mega-bites to everyone over the next five years.

**Riverfront & Bike Paths:** The board was in agreement with the bike path behind the fire department. Engineers are now working on the easements for the bike path. An intergovernmental agreement is being worked on for care and maintenance of the area.

**TIF Plan/Updates on TIF Application/Façade Grants:** A Façade grant was approved at the last City Council meeting.

**Chamber News/Oregon Together/Community Events:** The Annual Chamber dinner is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. Mayor Ken Williams will be at the next Lunch & Learn on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A Halloween event is also being planned.

**ECDC Events, Collaboration and Successes:** The city will be receiving a little under \$500,000.00 in ARPA funds over the next 2 years. There will be many projects completed with these funds.

Meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton