

ECDC: Economic & Community Development Committee

Tuesday February 4th, 2025 5:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Terry Schuster.

Also, present: City Manager Darin DeHaan, Mike Delaney, Cheryl Hilton, Chris Manheim, and Mayor Ken Williams.

Present via Zoom: Kim Ewoldsen, Don Griffin, Mike Glenn, Phil Lehmann, and Chance Munroe.

Absent: PJ Caposey, Erin Folk, and Rebecca Hazzard.

Don Griffin called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and called roll call. A quorum was present.

No public comment.

Phil Lehmann moved to approve the January 7th, 2025 minutes, Seconded by Mike Glenn.

Motion carried. No nays.

Oregon and County Economic Development: Chris Manheim referred the committee to his report. He said he has been working on retail marketing and riverfront properties. City Manager Darin DeHaan said the OCEDC is holding a meeting at the end of the week to find the committee's next executive director. There are projects in the works that will be shifted to other communities to follow up on.

TIF/ECD Budget Report: The city TIF consultants put projections together for the TIF fund. With downtown beautification and façade grants issued this fiscal year, the ECD fund is almost exhausted.

Business Development Update: City Manager Darin DeHaan has spoken with a couple that is looking for a space or land to build an indoor sports/athletic training facility. He is still working on a location for the other potential cotton candy/build a bear type business.

Discuss Possible TIF Project – 1000 Pines Road: The owner of the building has invested about two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars into the building already. He is looking to divide the building into smaller suites. He has asked the city if there would be any incentives he would qualify for to help with the five to seven hundred thousand dollars needed to complete the project. The committee discussed how the space could be utilized. The committee will need to discuss the funding options available.

TIF and Enterprise Zone Updates: Mayor Ken Williams reported HA International is expanding their location with the help of TIF funds. They plan to create about eighteen more jobs. He also spoke about the upgrades developing with the Byron nuclear plant.

Chamber News/Schools/Community Events/CMAAA: Chance Munroe said about sixty percent of membership renewals have been returned. The Chamber is holding a business after hours event on February 27th at CMAAA from 5pm to 6:30pm. The Chamber is working on a Tastes and Treasures event in Oregon that would include many local businesses, he is collaborating with the City on marketing for the event. He has spoken with Shannon Cremeans at the school to start an internship opportunity with the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber also has two new ambassadors. Mike Delaney said on February 28th the extension office is holding a poverty simulation at the senior center. They are looking for volunteers and participants. Kim Ewoldsen said the DCEO has a small business grant available, the deadline is April 7th. She also gave an update on the support given by the SBDC.

Meeting adjourned at 5:41 PM.

Submitted by City Clerk Cheryl Hilton