

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 16, 2021

In Attendance

Councilman Erskine Oglesby, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 3:44 p.m. A quorum was present that included Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Jerry Mitchell. Also present via electronic means were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Chief of Staff, and Maura Sullivan, Chief Operation Officer; Finance: Daisy Madison, Chief Finance Officer; Transportation: Blythe Bailey, Administrator; ECD: Donna Williams, Administrator; LDG Development: Joshua Haston, Development Manager

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice-Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (February 2, 2021) were approved as published.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A, 7B, & 7C

These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

Next Week's Agenda: February 23, 2021

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A

Vice-Chairman Smith asked for further explanation on this item, to which both Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Bailey responded. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7B

Ms. Williams introduced Mr. Haston, who gave a presentation on the LDG PILOT request. His presentation included information on the following:

- The Reserve at Mountain Pass
- LDG's Mission, History and Goal
- Site Location
- Neighborhood Improvements
- Amenities
- Unit Mix and rents
- General Development timeline and PILOT Request

A discussion ensued wherein the following questions and concerns were addressed by both Ms. Williams and Ms. Madison:

- Section 8 Vouchers (Councilman Gilbert)
- Amount of PILOT (Councilman Gilbert)
- Sourcing Local Labor (Councilman Ledford)
- Need for these type of projects (Councilman Henderson)
- Affordable Housing Needs (Councilman Henderson)
- Generating Revenue (Councilman Henderson)
- Impact Decision (Councilman Henderson)
- Use of PILOT in other areas (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Expectations of residents (Councilwoman Berz)
- Tracking Impact (Councilwoman Berz)
- Impact on Income/Budget (Councilwoman Berz)
- Number of PILOT projects currently in the books (Councilman Henderson)
- Amount of Taxes Forgiven (Councilman Henderson)
- Number of PILOT's can we absorb (Councilman Henderson)
- Burden on the budget (Councilman Henderson)
- Maturing of PILOT's and Money Collection (Councilman Gilbert)
- Informing employees of funding process for PILOT's (Councilman Byrd)
- Holding Developers Accountable (Councilwoman Coonrod)

Councilman Oglesby requested that Ms. Williams give the Council a PILOT project update during in ECD Committee next week, February 23rd. She agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7C

This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Procedural Note

Councilman Oglesby yielded the chair of this meeting to Chairman Henderson.

Other

Councilwoman Coonrod inquired about forwarding a resume for the position available on the Audit Committee. Chairman Henderson recommended forwarding it to Stan Sewell with a copy to the Council.

Councilwoman Coonrod also expressed concerns from a constituent pertaining to the Mayor's Council for Disability. Chairman Henderson asked the Councilwoman to reach out to Karen McReynolds about this matter. Mr. Freeman joined the panel and offered to reach out the constituent to address their concerns.

Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

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