

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 3, 2018

In Attendance

Councilman Erskine Oglesby, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m. in the Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Jerry Mitchell, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Chip Henderson and Darrin Ledford. Deputy City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present.

Others in Attendance

ECD: Charita Allen, Deputy Administrator of Economic Development; Jermaine Freeman, Civic Engagement Coordinator; Regional Planning: John Bridger, Executive Director.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Vice Chairman Smith and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (March 20, 2018) were approved as published.

South Broad Development

Mr. Bridger gave an update on the South Broad Development. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

MLK Boulevard Construction Mitigation Program

Mr. Freeman gave a presentation on MLK Boulevard Construction Mitigation Program that covered the following:

- Overview of approval request
- Background
- Loss of revenue during construction
- Plan for businesses impacted
- 90 day plan
- Purpose of effort
- Program eligibility for businesses
- Requirements for grant
- Resources offered

A discussion ensued with Mr. Freeman and Ms. Allen on the following:

- Comparison to other construction projects (Councilman Ledford)
- Need to bring item before Council (Councilman Ledford)
- Petition requirements/criteria (Councilman Ledford)
- City wide program (Councilman Ledford)

- Definition of MLK Corridor (Councilman Ledford)
- Mitigation Map (Councilman Henderson)
- Areas covered in project (Councilman Henderson)
- Project Timeline
- Contingency Funds and handling of funds (Councilwoman Berz)
- Eligible businesses (Councilwoman Berz)
- Signage (Councilwoman Berz)
- Provisions for businesses affected by the construction (Councilman Byrd)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Tubman Matching Grant

Ms. Allen gave an update on the Tubman matching grant. She explained what it will cover and what it will match. She answered a question from Councilman Ledford regarding the Chamber doing advertising for the use of a TIF for this item. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Next Week's Agenda: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Ordinances (First Reading) - Agenda Item 6A

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

Resolutions Agenda Items 7A, 7B, 7C & 7D

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.