



Record of Proceedings of Meeting of the  
**City Council's Economic Development Committee**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**APPROVED**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Edens called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and requested an attendance roll call.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Lauren Edens  
Council Member Teresa Clark  
Council Member Katie Dodwell  
Council Member Dan Flaschar  
Council Member Robert Jakcsy  
Council Member Debra McCutchen  
Council Member Scott Ottenberg

Committee Member Absent:

Council Member Mike Gillani

Staff Members in Attendance:

City Administrator Steve Cross  
Asst Director of Planning and Parks Melanie Rippetoe  
Meeting Recorder Carla Patrick

**II. Approval of Minutes – November, 2021 Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of November 23, 2021 were submitted for approval. Council Member Dodwell motioned for approval of the November meeting minutes, and Council Member Clark seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken with unanimous favorable support, excepting opposition by Council Member McCutchen. Therefore, Chair Edens declared the motion passed

**III. Public Comment(s) –**

Michael Orso, 16605 Westglen Farms Drive, requested clarification of Missouri Main Street Connection.

**IV. Discussion Item(s)**

**Ready for Action - none**

**For Information –**

**A. Update – Lawn and Garden Summit**

Chair Edens reported that the status was previously presented at the City Council meeting last evening. City Administrator Cross noted that trash service would be handled by City staff and that Police overtime expenses would be added to the event Budget upon receipt of such.

**B. Update – Missouri Main Street Connection**

City Administrator Cross noted that Planning Department staffers, Melanie Rippetoe and Robyn Keefe would be attending the organization's Grant Workshop scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member Dodwell requested their perspectives and potential benefits to the City be presented at the next Committee meeting.

**C. Update – Department Activity**

Chair Edens requested the timeline for Economic Development Manager hiring and Economic Development Guide update. City Administrator responded that he was currently handling business inquiries and that the responsibilities for that position was under review.

Discussion therein included position hiring parameters, urgency in filling position and potential for position to begin as part-time to bring Guide update current.

**D. Northpoint Development**

Chair Edens requested a status report on the proposed distribution center development at North Eatherton and Centaur Roads. City Administrator Cross responded that an initial presentation meeting was held with City representatives, and that developers were to meet with St. Louis County this day regarding traffic issues. He noted the next step would be plan presentation to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Discussion therein included developer request for tax abatements, zoning parameters, job types, and impact on area of development.

**E. Update – City Business Changes**

Chair Edens requested of City Administrator Cross a review of changes in the business community for the year. Since the request was recent and many requested details are not readily available, this request will be moved to the next meeting.

**Not Ready for Action**

- A. City Business Licenses Review
- B. Potential City to Business Newsletter (quarterly)
- C. Economic Development Guide Update

**V. Other Business News and Updates**

Chair Edens noted that the closing of Patterson Farms included increased overhead costs, which advanced their retirement plans per conversation with them.

**VI. Next Meeting Date is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

**VII. Adjournment**

A motion for adjournment was made by Council Member Flaschar and seconded by Council Member Jakcsy. A voice vote was taken with unanimous favorable support. Therefore, Chair Edens declared the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.