



Economic Development Committee
Friday, February 11, 2022 - 1:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Cheryl Robertson called the Economic Development Committee meeting for February 11, 2022 to order at 1:07 pm

Members Present - Cheryl Robertson, Mayor Chip Dutcher, Doug Lehner
Absent - None

Staff present - Bailey Klimchak, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Alexis Fitzsimmons (Director, GROW Licking County) +1

2. Action on Minutes

a. October 7, 2021

ACTION: Cheryl Robertson moved to Approve; Chip Dutcher seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Robertson, Dutcher, Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

3. Update on Tech and roadway improvements

The technology/trip planning app portion contracted with Etch is progressing and they are at the testing stage. Continuing to meet and discuss the Mobility Hub with Tech; the city was not successful in receiving federal grant money the first time around but will go after more. Mayor Dutcher said the city is still committed to the project; decisions will need to be made about control of the site. Discussion on the Economic Development section of the city website, Mr. Dutcher working to enlist help to update with good contacts for businesses who will be looking at Johnstown; he said he will come back to this body and Council for

2021 Committee Goals

1. Plan for and target types of employers the village wants to attract; Manufacturing, Commercial, Business Offices - Update ED Plan to solidify vision for facilities (By end of Q1)
 2. Develop a Comprehensive Plan for a future Incubator Space - Manager working to create a plan outline to share with CIC
 3. Develop common purpose with Park & Rec Committee to promote park and rec amenities; Eco-tourism.
 4. Enterprise Center Drive construction completion in 2021 - In progress
 5. Obtain rezoning of the remainder of the Enterprise Center land - Discussions ongoing
 6. Provide consistent communication on joint projects with the CIC - Minutes and verbal report on CIC agendas.
 7. Develop a business census - In progress
 8. Help facilitate formation of Chamber of Commerce - Enlist help from CIC and Licking County Chamber of Commerce
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approval of any suggestions.

Mayor Dutcher will be bringing a proposal to hire a government affairs firm to give us help with the State budget and with Federal grants. Noted the city's request to Senator Brown for nine million dollar earmark is still active as the Senate took no action last year.

4. Update on Enterprise Center and infrastructure

Ms. Robertson said there were rumors that New River may or may not be coming now but there is no confirmation yet; Committee decision that Interim Manager Jack Liggett would be the best person to reach out to them. Mayor Dutcher said he understands that costs of their planned building have escalated. Mr. Dutcher added that if New River decides it is not for them, the Port Authority's Rick Platt said there have been numerous companies reaching out about that property. Ms. Robertson noted some terms of the New River agreement and monies the city would not receive if they back out.

Discussions on the impact of Intel; Duncan Plains Road widening, the US62 and 37 intersections, potential for improvements and increase in traffic, discussion on the number of construction workers, other large projects in the area as well as housing.

5. Update on Mobility Hub

Provided with the update on Tech.

6. 2015 Economic Development Commission Plan - update or remove from website

Decision to remove the document from the website until it can be updated.
Discussion on Cooperative Agreements and potential for agreements with the school district in order to grow well together.

7.

Land Available for Possible Economic Development Purposes
Review of available properties, their zoning district and ownership.

8. Other Business - None

9. Adjourn

ACTION: Chip Dutcher moved to Adjourn; Doug Lehner seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Cheryl Robertson, Chip Dutcher, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Meeting adjourned approximately 2:00 pm