

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Economic Vitality Commission

5:30 PM
 April 20, 2022

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Commissioners Present:

Kathy McCorry, Chair
 Thomas Brown
 Joan Probala
 Ashwin Muthuvenkataraman
 Chris Reichley, Alternate
 Art Freas, Alternate (6:00pm)

Administration/Staff:

Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development
 Manager
 Benton Coblenz, Economic Development
 Coordinator

Commissioners Not Present (Excused):

Jon Edwards, Vice Chair
 Therese Garcia
 Tom Rogers
 Anjali Remme, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

MCCORRY called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

- a) Commission Membership

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of March 23, 2022
 MOVED BY PROBALA, SECONDED BY MUTHUVENKATARAMAN that minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting be approved as presented. MOTION APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nicoleta Mocanu introduced herself as an applicant to join the Economic Vitality Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Retail Real Estate Market Trends, (I)**

Presented by:
Steve Olson, JSH Properties

Olson presented about the historical, current and projected trends of the retail real estate market in Issaquah and answered Commissioners' questions.

b) **Business Wish List Survey Results & Next Steps, (D)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Davis Hayes presented the results of the Business Wish List Survey, discussed next steps, and gathered input from commissioners. volunteered to participated in future efforts.

c) **Title 18: Parking & Circulation Joint Committee Update, (I)***Presented by:**Kathy McCorry & Joan Probala, Commissioner*

McCorry and Probala reported to the Commission about the results of the last meeting of the Parking & Circulation Joint Committee, which met to discuss updates to the sections of Title 18 related to parking and circulation.

d) **Gilman Blvd Bridge Grant Support Letter, (A)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Davis Hayes presented about the City's grant application for a rehabilitation of the Gilman Boulevard bridge.

MOVED BY FREAS, SECONDED BY PROBALA to approve the drafting and signing of a letter in support of the City's grant application. MOTION APPROVED 6-0.

The signed letter will be in the packet for the May 18 Meeting.

e) **Business Leadership Forum, (D)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Davis Hayes presented the plans for an upcoming Business Leadership Forum for the City of Issaquah.

REPORTSc) **Business Openings, Closures, & Industry Trends, (D)***Presented by:**All Commissioners*

Commissioners and staff reported on potential and planned business openings, closures, and trends that they have witnessed or heard about.

City Council Report Out, (I)*Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Davis Hayes gave updates about recent and planned City Council and Administration business relating to the Commission's work.

~~2022 Schedule, (I)~~

~~Presented by:~~

~~Benton Coblentz, Economic Development Coordinator~~

~~Davis Hayes reported on the Commission's tentative 2022 workplan, future agenda items, and solicited feedback from the Commissioners. ????????~~

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

McCorry updated the Commission about the Greater Issaquah Chamber's upcoming Business Summit.

Davis Hayes updated the Commission on plans to return to in-person meetings in August.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 18, 2022.

INQUIRIES

Please contact Jen Davis Hayes at (425) 837-3414 or jenh@issaquahwa.gov.

Note: Times listed for meetings topics are approximate and items are subject to change.

(A) Action, (D) Discussion, (I) Information