

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Economic Vitality Commission

5:30 PM
 June 15, 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 (after 5:50pm)
 Chris Reichley
 Joan Probala
 Thomas Brown
 Art Freas, Alternate

Administration/Staff:

Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development
 Manager
 Benton Coblenz, Economic Development
 Coordinator
 Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk
 Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst

Commissioners Not Present (Excused):

Ashwin Muthuvenkataraman
 AJ Taylor
 Christy Garrard
 Therese Garcia
 Nicoleta Mocanu, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

McCORRY called the meeting to order at 5:36 PM.

- a) Commission Membership

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of April 20, 2022
 MOVED BY REICHLLEY, SECONDED BY BROWN that minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting be approved as presented. MOTION APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Open Public Meetings Act / Public Records Training, (I)**
Presented by:
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk
Tammy Mueller, Public Records Analyst

Grabowski and Mueller provided an Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records training for all Commissioners and answered questioned.

b) **2023 Economic Development Plan, (D)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes*

Davis Hayes presented plans for a 2023 Economic Vitality Plan and solicited Commissioners' feedback on the preparations for that planning process.

c) **Welcoming Week, (I)***Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Davis Hayes presented plans for 2023 Welcoming Week ongoing programming, which will center the experience and stories of refugee and immigrant business owners.

REPORTS**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*

Coblentz gave an update about action at the previous night's City Council Mobility and Infrastructure Committee Meeting.

2022 Schedule, (I)*Presented by:**Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

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

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

McCORRY shared the State's plans to close 405 over the weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 20, 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