

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 26, 2021

In Attendance

Councilman Erskine Oglesby, Committee Chair, called the electronic-conducted (virtual) meeting to order at 5:17 p.m. A quorum was present that included Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice-Chairman Ken Smith, and Council members Carol Berz, Anthony Byrd, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, and Jerry Mitchell. Also present via electronic means were Phil Noblett, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist.

Others in Attendance (via electronic means)

Mayor's Office: Jermaine Freeman, Deputy Chief of Staff; ECD: Donna Williams, Administrator

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Ledford and seconded by Councilman Gilbert, the minutes of the last meeting (January 12, 2020) were approved as published.

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A

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

Next Week's Agenda: February 2, 2021

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7A

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

Resolutions - Agenda Item 7B

Ms. Williams gave an update on reallocating affordable housing funds. A discussion ensued in which the following questions were addressed:

- Forecast on Spending Model (Councilman Ledford)
- What happens next (Councilman Ledford)
- Access to Funds (Councilman Ledford)
- Disqualification (Councilman Gilbert)
- Providing information to the Community (Councilman Gilbert)
- Partnerships for Hotel Lease (Councilwoman Coonrod)

Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

COVID-19 Small Business Relief

Mr. Freeman gave a presentation on the COVID-19 Small Business Relief that included information on the following:

- Phase II
- COVID-19 Neighborhood Reinvestments Fund Loans
- Small Business Relief Technical Assistance Providers

Councilman Ledford asked for a copy of the presentation and a link to share on his social media, to which Mr. Freeman agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Other

Chairman Henderson asked Councilwoman Coonrod, YFD Committee Chair, to postpone the scheduled Youth and Family Development Committee until next week, February 2nd; the Councilwoman agreed. Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

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