

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Committee Minutes

### February 1, 2022

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#### **Call to Order**

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Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Chip Henderson, Vice Chairman Ken Smith and Council members Jenny Hill, Darrin Ledford, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz and Raquetta Dotley. Others present were Emily O'Donnell, City Attorney, and Keren Campbell, Council Support Specialist. Councilman Anthony Byrd was not present.

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#### **Others in Attendance**

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Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator, and Sandra Gober, Community Development Manager, Office of Homelessness & Supportive Housing: Cassie O'Neil, Program Manager, and Sam Wolfe, Homeless Coordinator

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#### **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Vice Chairman Smith** and seconded by Councilwoman Dotley, the minutes of the last meeting (November 9th, 2021) were approved as published.

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#### **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A, 7B & 7C**

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These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issues were closed.

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#### **Proposed Plan for the Use of Additional ARP Funds through HUD**

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Mr. Freeman introduced Ms. Gober, Ms. O'Neil, and Mr. Wolfe gave a presentation that covered the following:

- Housing and Community Investment Division
- HOME ARP Funds – What is it?
- Allowable Activities for HOME – ARP
- Process required to access funds
- Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
- Steps Proposed City Priorities
- Next Steps

A discussion ensued, wherein the presenters responded to questions and concerns on the following:

- Funding impact (Councilwoman Hill)
- Supportive Services (Councilwoman Hill)
- Funding Allocations (Councilwoman Hill)
- Navigators (Councilman Ledford)
- City Portion (Councilwoman Dotley)
- Public input session (Councilwoman Dotley)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issues was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilwoman Coonrod adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.