

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
September 9, 2021

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Rob Rice, Councilman Bill Farnham, Councilman Michael Curtis

City Staff: John Doyle, Miriam Jones, Tracey York, Michele Brown

Guests: Councilman Ed Conley

Media: Darrell Maurina

1. **Call to Order and Citizen Comments** – Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. No citizen comments.
2. **Approval of minutes-** Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2021. Councilman Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Code of Ethics-** Second draft of the Code of Ethics was presented to the committee. Section I will be updated to include the RSMO. Code of Ethics will be sent to City Council for approval.
4. **Grant Updates-**
 - i. **Volkswagen Trust Grant-** Application was provided for the committee for review. Application has been submitted.
 - ii. **T- Mobile Grant-** In the process of submitting.
 - iii. **ARPA Funding-** American Rescue Act Plan funding. Funds should be available this month.
 - iv. **Forest ReLeaf Program-** Approved for 30 trees to replace trees that had to be removed from the park due to ash borer.
5. **Adopt a Spot Program-** Mr. Doyle presented the Adopt a Spot Program to the committee. This program is an older program and a file on it was recently rediscovered. Would like to get this program started again. Committee agrees.
6. **Business Spotlight-** Mr. Doyle asked for suggestions from the committee. Councilman Farnham would like to promote new businesses that have come into Waynesville. Councilman Farnham suggested the Downtown Station while it is not technically a new business, it does have a new owner. Other suggestions were the new pharmacy that is located by Anytime Fitness, The Blue Bee, Haute Dawgs and Rags to Riches.
7. **Special Events**
 - i. September 11, 2021- Free Womens Center 5K
 - ii. September 17, 2021- Homecoming Parade and Community Pride Night
 - iii. September 17, 2021- Still Useable Ministries Church Prayer Walk
 - iv. September 18, 2021- Mid Missouri Fall Extravaganza
 - v. September 25, 2021- Blue Star Families- Teddy Bear Picnic
8. **Other Business**
 - i. **Economic Development Coordinator-** Two interviews have been set up.
 - ii. **Pulaski County Growth Alliance-** Mr. Doyle and committee discussed funding for the PCGA. Councilman Conley is the City Representative on the PCGA board. PCGA lost bid for DMV a couple years ago which was a major revenue source for the PCGA. At large members still contribute however budget not sustainable. Committee would like them to continue as an organization and would like to find out if SOP can help PCGA. Committee feels their interaction could be beneficial.
 - iii. **Preliminary 2022 FY Budget Meetings scheduled for September-** Currently working with meeting with departments to go over budgets. Final review and approval set for November.

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Curtis made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Farnham seconded the motion. Committee entered closed session at 5:42pm.

Councilman Curtis made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Farnham seconded that motion. Committee returned to open session at 6:06pm.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:06pm.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on October 14, 2021 at 5:00pm