

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Albany City Hall, Conference Room/Council Chambers 1000 San Pablo Avenue Thursday, May 4, 2017 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Cheasty at 5:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Cain, Charles, Cheasty, Goldman, Montagh, Sala.

Members absent: Baker

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. March 2, 2017

Moved by Charles, seconded by Montagh to approve the minutes. Minutes approved unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

6. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Economic Development Strategic Plan

Review summary report, including draft economic development goals, as provided by Economic Development Consultant. Provide feedback to consultant for preparation of a draft Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Consultants Amalia Cunningham and David Greensfelder presented information to the Committee regarding status of the economic development strategic planning to date. Consultants summarized information received at public meetings and via online surveys, and findings from data analysis. Consultants reviewed the draft strategic plan goals. The consultants will prepare a draft economic development strategic plan for the Committee to review at the June meeting.

The Committee provided feedback to the consultants including: interest in receiving additional analysis and recommendations regarding permit process best practices; analysis of staffing options; consideration of design guidelines/checklist of best practices for mixed use projects; recommendations on how to further strengthen the City's commercial sectors and attract business types.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: June 1, 2017 – Review Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.