



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
Albany, CA 94706

MINUTES

THURSDAY, October 6, 2022, 5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL – 5:01 PM

Committee Members Present: Carlton, Greene, Maass, Abbott
Absent: Hansen-Romero
Late: Shrestha
Staff present: Brennen Brown

The Albany Land Acknowledgement Statement was read as adopted by the City Council per City of Albany Minute Action, November 15, 2021

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 8, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting was made by Member Greene and seconded by Committee Member Carlton.
AYES: Carlton, Greene, Maass, Abbott
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. PRESENTATIONS

5-1. Presentation of New Economic Development Website

Staff Liaison, Brennen Brown, presented the City of Albany's new Economic Development website, www.choosealbany.org.

6. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Advisory Body Status Report

Economic Development Committee reviewed and provided feedback on a draft status summary/report of the Committee's work plan items. This status report will be provided to Council at one of their November meetings.

Motion to approve and forward on to Council the edited Advisory Body Status Report presented to the EDC was made by Member Maass and seconded by Committee Member Greene.
AYES: Carlton, Greene, Maass, Shrestha, Abbott
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None



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6-2. Subcommittee Reports

- Subcommittee to conduct research and consult with other Cities and organizations about strategies for economic development: Jennifer Hansen-Romero / Tod Abbott
- Subcommittee to facilitate and provide input on potential business uses for vacant properties and new developments, as well as provide input on a business recruitment and retention plan with a particular focus on women, BIPOC, and LGBTQA+ owned businesses when it comes to the Committee: Jennifer Hansen-Romero / Tod Abbott
- Subcommittee to support businesses by providing best practices for recruiting and hiring, as well as help increase employment in the City with a job fair and a web portal for businesses to post job ads and receive employee resumes: Linda Carlton / Tod Abbott
- Subcommittee to encourage art in commercial areas: Deirdre Greene / Jennifer Hansen-Romero

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, November 3, 2022, 5:00 PM, virtual meeting pursuant to State and County COVID-19 guidance.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** 6:03 PM