

CITY OF ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Agenda Date: January 21, 2009

SUBJECT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP REVIEW

BY: Beth Pollard, City Administrator

COUNCILMEMBER THOMSEN RECOMMENDATION

1. Agendas for the meetings be posted, meetings be open to the public, and minutes be made available.
2. Members of the public who have experience in the economic, financial, and/or commercial sectors be added to the committee. The specific suggestion is for three additional members.
3. That Council set a date for a report back for discussion, public input, and possible action; suggested date: April 2009.

BACKGROUND

An Economic Development Working Group was established by the City Council at its meeting of December 15, 2008. The working group as established consists of Mayor Atkinson, Vice Mayor Wile, the president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, the Executive Director of the Solano Avenue Association, and City staff.

Councilmember Thomsen is reporting that members of the public have expressed some concerns about the Economic Development Working Group, that the late hour at the 12/15 meeting did not allow for adequate discussion of the Working Group, and therefore clarification of some issues is needed. She has made the recommendations noted above.

DISCUSSION

The Working Group is meeting after preparation of this report and prior to the January 21 meeting. Ideas from the meeting that address the issues raised in the report will be forwarded verbally to the Council.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

Attachments:

Excerpt, Council minutes of December 15, 2008