



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, May 12, 2014 at 6:00 pm

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Councilwoman Montano, Chair Howard;
Commissioners Ablaza, Bhambhra, Grilli, Holthaus, Peoples,
Tsao, Wettenstein; PN&S Director Steve McHarris, Principal
Housing Planner Felix Reliford.

Excused Absence: Vice Chair Ahuja; Commissioners Brahmbhatt,
C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, Wong

I. Flag Salute

Chair Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Approval of Alternates

Chair Howard called for Roll. Recording Secretary Currie is not present. Vice Chair Ahuja, Commissioners Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, and Wong are not present; Commissioner Holthaus was seated.

III. Announcements

Councilwoman Montano mentioned that everything is running smooth and that the City is getting close with settlements regarding Redevelopment sites.

Commissioner Peoples attended Autonomous Transportation Network meeting on April 20 that was well attended. Staff will look into it.

Planning Director McHarris gave an update about Citation II project; this is the highest density project in the transit area. Councilmember Montano asked about improvements on the east side of Yosemite to Great Mall. He responded that it is not part of the transit area project.

IV. Public Forum (Please *limit comments to 3 minutes*) – None

V. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Peoples moved to approve the agenda as submitted and seconded by Commissioner Wettenstein.

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 8
Noes: 0
Absent: Ahuja, Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, Wong
Abstain: 0

VI. Approval of Minutes – May 12, 2014

Motion: to approve the May 12, 2014 Unapproved Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Vice Chair Ahuja/ Commissioner Holthaus

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: Ahuja, Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, Wong
Abstain: Tsao

VII. New Business

A. HERO Program Energy Efficient Financing Program

Planning Director McHarris gave a brief introduction about the financing program and the representative present at the meeting. Mr. John La, the representative for HERO Program from Southern California, addressed the commission and explained the program and its benefits available to the property owners from the utility savings they will get. Question and answer ensued between the entire commission and Mr. La. Commissioner Brahmbhatt asked what he needs from the commission; Mr. La responded that he would like for the commission to recommend to the City Council the approval of the HERO Program citywide and get the word out to all property owners. Commissioner Peoples asked why they need the City Council to approve their company which Mr. La responded because they are targeting all the property owners who own the property within the City of Milpitas.

Motion: to recommend to City Council the adoption of HERO Program due to its financial benefits as presented providing that it is not exclusive. Councilmember Montano mentioned that this is for older homes only because the newer homes were built with energy efficiency.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Peoples/ Commissioner Wettenstein

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Absent: Ahuja, Brahmhatt, C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, Wong

Abstain: 0

B. Discussion about Implementation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Chief Building Official, Keyvan Irannejad, presented to the commission information about the charging stations and the permits associated building and implementing them. The commission had their questions answered by Mr. Irannejad. Commissioner Wettenstein contacted PG&E about incentives for property owners who have or thinking of having charging stations. He reported that currently, although PG&E recognizes the benefits of the electric vehicles, however, there are no incentives available at this moment.

VIII. Old Business

A.) Business Retention & Attraction Subcommittee: Chair Howard mentioned that a meeting is being set up between Mayor and City staff and Stratford School.

B.) EDC 2014 Workplan: Chair Howard is placing this item on the next agenda.

IX. Other Business – None

X. Upcoming Events – None

XI. Adjourn – Commissioner Peoples moved, and Commissioner Wettenstein seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm to the next regular meeting on June 9, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.