

# ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 30, 2019

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## **In Attendance**

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Councilman Anthony Byrd, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. in the Assembly Room. A quorum was present, including Council Chairman Erskine Oglesby, Vice-Chairman Chip Henderson and Council members Carol Berz, Demetrus Coonrod, Russell Gilbert, Darrin Ledford, Jerry Mitchell and Ken Smith. City Attorney Phil Noblett and Council Support Specialist Keren Campbell were also present.

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Public Works: Justin Holland, Administrator; River City Company: Kim White, President/CEO

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Gilbert** and seconded by Councilman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (April 23, 2019) were approved as published.

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## **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6A**

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Councilwoman Coonrod informed the Council that she would be requesting to table this item at tonight's meeting. Upon no further comments or questions, the issue was closed.

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## **Ordinances (First Reading) – Agenda Items 6B**

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This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Resolutions - Agenda Items 7A**

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This item had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Business Improvement District (BID)**

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Ms. White gave a presentation on the BID that covered the following topics:

- What is a BID
- Downtown BID's today
- Meetings with Stakeholders
- Proposed Boundaries
- Common BID Services
- Public Safety
- Cleaning
- Beautifications and Special Projects

- Budget
- Estimated Annual Assessments
- Governance and Safeguards
- State Statute Requirements
- Breakdown of BID Property
- Other Noteworthy Date Points
- Timeline

A discussion ensued in which the following topics were addressed by Ms. White and Mr. Holland:

- Who is part of the BID? (Councilman Gilbert)
- Services to be enhanced (Councilman Gilbert)
- Current services (Councilman Gilbert)
- Procedures with homeless community (Councilman Gilbert)
- Affordable Housing with BID (Councilman Gilbert)
- Audits (Councilman Gilbert)
- Status of people currently living in BID (Councilman Gilbert)
- City's Share (Councilman Mitchell)
- Possible conditions added to ordinance (Councilman Mitchell)
- Amounts for Condo's and Business Owners (Councilwoman Berz)
- City paying in (Councilwoman Berz)
- Hiring process (Councilwoman Berz)
- Incurring expenses (Councilwoman Berz)
- Percentage of out of town condo owners in BID (Councilwoman Berz)
- Percentage of out of town building owners (Councilwoman Berz)
- BID's in other communities (Councilwoman Berz)
- Possibility of BID's in other district's (Councilwoman Berz)
- Boundaries (Councilwoman Berz)
- Enforcement (Councilman Ledford)
- Voting process for properties (Councilman Henderson)
- Percentages pertaining to voting (Councilman Henderson)
- Council's vote (Councilman Henderson)
- Black owned businesses in BID (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- City representation on board (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Diversity on the Board (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Making downtown more welcoming (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Art to reflect all communities (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Employment for all (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Budget (Councilwoman Coonrod)
- Council's approval process (Councilman Smith)

Upon no further questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilman Byrd adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.