



Meeting Minutes City Council and EDC Workshop

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021 6:30 p.m. ZOOM Teleconference/Video

Present:

City Council: Mayor Kurt Otten, Councilman Alex Scanlon, Councilman Randy Chronister, City Administrator Brent Spier, City Secretary Christy Stroup, Communication Specialist Adri Richey

Economic Development Corp.: President Charles Scoville, Vice President Jonny Boultinghouse, Secretary Amanda Fenwick, Director Don Milbauer, Director Mike Pons, Director Thomas Haaland and Director Joe Shulsky

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Kurt Otten and EDC Pres. Charles Scoville called workshop to order at 6:38 p.m.

2. STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW:

City Administrator Brent Spier reviewed the Strategic Plan that was presented to City Council November 5, 2019.

High interest items: Economic Development, Communications, People and Infrastructure.
As you go through the Strategic Plan the yellow highlighted items are completed items.

Amanda Fenwick asked if the EDC would receive any reimbursements for the small business retention grant that were given to the local businesses to help support during the start of the pandemic?
Brent Spier stated that if money frees up then it is possible we could but has not heard of anything yet.

Thomas Haaland asked on the item of Infrastructure if the property behind current City Hall is where it was discussed to build new City Hall or a police facility? Mayor Otten stated that this has been discussed as well as building off of Dror Ave. The facility behind current city hall could hinder the city employees being able to get to work since it is a low area and tends to flood or gain high water easily.

Mayor Otten also stated that this is something that could be discussed at a later time and placed on the radar for the city to get a rendering of what a new City Hall building would cost if built behind current City Hall vs. Dror Ave.

3. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW:

EDC President Charles Scoville went over sources and uses of funds.

Pandemic reimbursement from the state was projected at approximately \$62,500 but not sure that is going to come to fruition.

Parking lot lighting and landscaping is something that may need to be pushed back due to the expenditure for the small business retention grants.

Shell Bottom Park Improvements is to be funded by grant money but EDC would need to pay out of pocket to start the project.

Dror Construction is projected at a possible \$350,000 and Brent is working with the county and the state to see if this number can be scaled back.

Marketing Initiative is being pushed out until EDC sees some momentum in gains.

5 year palm tree plan will be pushed back to later in the year as far back as possible.

Facade Improvement Grant Program has been placed on hold. (mural for entrance on Clear Lake Road)

Spring Intern has been suspended.

The big expenditures as of right now are Shell Bottom Park and Dror Avenue construction.

Don Milbauer inquired about hot spots set up around the island for the residents? Thomas Haaland stated that Frontier Communications is heading up the high speed internet so nothing has been discussed concerning hot spots.

Mayor Otten would like wireless internet be placed on a possible "to do" list for the island residents.

Charles Scoville stated that we need to produce incentives that would possibly entice businesses and other areas to annex into the city.

Mayor Otten asked if that is something that we would contract out to come in and review what is outside the city and work up a list of possible annexes.

Amanda Fenwick stated that the City of Seabrook has someone that they use and she will get contact information for this person.

Mayor Otten and Charles Scoville stated that property tax may be something to look at so that the City does not rely Solely only on Sales Tax.

Mayor Otten inquired about Roads and Drainage on possible changes to the ordinance. Brent Spier stated that discussion would be made before presenting an ordinance change.

Discussion of having a couple of other workshops. Meeting date will be established later.

E-mail or contact Brent with any questions of concerns from this workshop. Also, budget is coming up and so any big ticket items you would like to see implemented need to be thought about and submitted.

Amanda Fenwick suggested that when prioritizing projects to put some numbers with the projects or at least estimates.

Mayor Otten stated that East of Portofino, TxDOT is looking at putting in a boat launch. Approximately 4 to 5 years down the road and will alleviate traffic to the Clear Lake Shores boat launch.


Mayor Otten adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Date Approved: 3-2-2021




Mayor Kurt Otten

Attest:


Christy Stroup
City Secretary