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Mayor's Commission on Economic and Industrial Development

April 6, 2021

The Commission met on the above date at 2:00 p.m. Committee members present: Mayor Elliott, Councilor Thalman. Commissioners present: Kevin Duffin, Craig O'Leary, Missy Ashmore, and Kayleen Clough. Others present: City Manager Robert Herron and City Clerk Brenda J. Delbert.

Mr. Thalman, seconded by Ms. Ashmore, to approve minutes of 1/14/21. Motion carried. All in favor.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Elliott asked commissioners to share their thoughts and discuss additional resources for waterfront to stimulate use.

Mayor Elliott indicated American Rescue Plan funds will arrive in two installments of fifteen million each, one will arrive this year and one next year and is to be expended by December of 2024. The Commission discussed how to stimulate the local economy by outdoor dining options at Centre Market, broadband/internet gaps, and marketing strategies.

Mayor Elliott solicited ideas on how local and state code requirements could be perceived as barriers. The Commission indicated parking minimums are an obstacle. Commissioners suggested education on City owned parking lots and how they can be utilized. Another contentious topic was two egress requirements regulated by fire department. There was also interest in creating a user-friendly road map or short video on how to start a business and what departments need to be informed and or involved.

Report of City Manager:

Mr. Herron indicated there is interest in the OVMC complex. Woda group is proceeding with housing project on Main Street. Wheeling Pit Loft project is estimated for December 2022 completion. The 19th St project will create a 3-acre development site, and DEP is finalizing grants and loan funding.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Duffin, to adjourn. Time: 3:11 p.m.