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**Economic Development**  
**Committee**

**Meeting Record**  
**April 6, 2009**

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**Meeting Date:** April 6, 2009      **Meeting Start time:** 9:39 AM

**Committee Members Present:**

Ron Natinsky  
Tennell Atkins  
Sheffie Kadane  
Linda Koop  
Mitchell Rasansky  
Steve Salazar  
Jerry Allen

**Staff Present:**

AC Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager  
Karl Zavitkovsky, Director, Economic  
Development  
Verna Martin, Assistant Director,  
Economic Development  
Art Hudman, Assistant City Attorney, City  
Attorney's Office

**Committee Members Not Present:**

Dwaine Caraway

**Other Council Members Present:**

David Neumann  
Dr. Elba Garcia

**1. Approval of March 2 & 24, 2009 Minutes of the Economic Development Committee**

**Presenter(s):**

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s): Motion made to approve the minutes.

**Motion made by:** Mr. Rasansky

**Motion seconded by:** Ms. Koop

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed unanimously:       

Item failed on a divided vote:       

**Follow-up (if necessary):**



**2. ULI Advisory Service Panel: Redevelopment of Southwest Center Mall**

**Presenter(s): AC Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, City Manager Office; Karl Zavitkovsky, Director, Office of Economic Development:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion to recommend authorization of a Chapter 380 grant to ULI in an amount not to exceed \$120,000 for the purpose of conducting an Advisory Services Panel to assess redevelopment option for Southwest Center Mall.

**Motion made by:** Mr. Atkins

**Motion seconded by:** Mr. Allen

Item passed unanimously:       

Item passed on a divided vote:   X  

Item failed unanimously:       

Item failed on a divided vote:       

**Voting Yes:** Mr. Atkins, Mr. Allen, Mr. Salazar, Mr. Natinsky, Mr. Kadane, Ms. Koop

**Voting No:** Mr. Rasansky

**Follow-up (if necessary):** Mr. Neumann requested detailed information on the Public Private Partnership Fund. Additionally, the Committee requested the property values from the properties located at Southwest Center Mall.

**3. Mayor's International Cabinet Fund**

**Presenter(s): AC Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, City Manager Office; Karl Zavitkovsky, Director, Office of Economic Development:**

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion made to approve item to continue to draw down on existing "Diet" funds under new expense and approval guidelines.

**Motion made by:** Ms. Koop

**Motion seconded by:** Mr. Salazar

Item passed unanimously:   X  

Item passed on a divided vote:       

Item failed unanimously:       

Item failed on a divided vote:       

**Follow-up (if necessary):** Mr. Rasansky requested that memos be distributed to all Council Members in the future detailing whenever this fund is used for travel.

**4. Implementing the Strategy: Creating the Downtown Area Plan-Downtown Area Plan Consultant Contract**

**Presenter(s): AC Gonzalez, Assistant City Manager, City Manager Office; Karl Zavitkovsky, Director, Office of Economic Development:**

**Note:** Ms. Koop did not participate in the discussion of this item

**Action Taken/Committee Recommendation(s):** Motion made to recommend approval of amendment to Downtown Connection TIF District and Financing Plan to reprogram \$515,000 from the Retail Initiatives/Streetscape Improvements budget line item to a new budget line item for the Downtown Area Plan.

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**Motion made by:** Mr. Allen

Item passed unanimously: X

Item failed unanimously: \_\_\_\_\_

**Motion seconded by:** Mr. Salazar

Item passed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Item failed on a divided vote: \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow-up (if necessary):** Mr. Salazar requested a list of related planning studies that have been previously conducted.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 11:00 AM.

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ron Natinsky, Chair**

