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
Vernae 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                                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. Salazar requested a list of related planning studies that have been previously conducted.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 AM.

Approved By: __________________
Ron Natinsky, Chair