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EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, October 15, 2013
6:30 to 8:00 PM
City Hall – Council Chambers

Attendees:

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| Steve Bushey – At-large | Ed Palmer - Business |
| Martin Macisso - District 3 | Bob O'Brien - Business |
| Peter Stocks – District 4 | |
| William Collins – District 5 | Jon Jennings – Assistant City Manager |

Absent:

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| John Schwartzman – At-Large | Mike Vaillancourt - Business |
| Dave Owen – District 1 | Craig Gorris - Business |
| Sergio Gadder – District 2 | |

1. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2013 and July 14, 2013 (6-0)
2. City-Wide Energy Initiatives

The Committee discussed the various energy initiatives the City is contemplating such as solar and electric vehicles. Steve Bushey suggested Wainwright Fields should be examined for wind. Bill Collins suggested the City examine flat roofed buildings throughout the city for solar opportunities. Steve Bushey also discussed natural gas in the City. Ed Palmer said the Marriott has installed an EV charging unit for customers and employees. Steve Bushey wrapped up the discussion saying more affordable energy in the City is very important.

3. Guest Request

Don Russell requested the opportunity to speak before the Committee. The committee voted 6-0 to listen to a brief presentation by Mr. Russell and to ask questions. Mr. Russell discussed the pending Waterfront

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Protection Ordinance and distributed information. He also invited the Committee to tour the petroleum facilities in South Portland.

In the follow up discussion by Committee members, Bill Collins indicated the Committee should take a position on the pending ordinance. Peter Stocks disagreed with taking a position due to the Council having already sent the ordinance to the voters. Steve Bushey said the City should open a public dialogue as this is a very big issue with far reaching implications. Bushey said the Committee can help take a look at the good and bad points of the proposed ordinance.

4. Brownfields Initiative

Jon Jennings discussed the effort the City is making to convert the existing capped landfill to a community solar array. Jennings mentioned City staff would bring a proposal to the City Council from Revision Energy to begin the initial feasibility analysis on the landfill.

5. Comprehensive Plan Implementation

Jennings briefed the Committee on the progress made to date by the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. He mentioned there is a lot of work still to do, but work has begun.

6. Main Street Update

Jennings updated the Committee on the ongoing effort to remake Main Street. There was a general discussion about truck traffic on Main Street and whether it is the right part of the city for a village commercial district. Peter Stocks discussed the significant traffic in that part of the city.

7. Other

Jennings updated the Committee on the SPC-TV Business Show, the proposed Performing Arts Venue and Wayfinding signage.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Cordially,

Jon P. Jennings
Assistant City Manager