



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, July 16, 2014
6:00 to 8:00 PM
City Hall – Council Chambers

Attendees:

Sergio Gadder – District 2
Peter Stocks - District 4
William Collins – District 5
John Schwartzman -- At-Large

Mike Vaillncourt - Business

Jon Jennings – Assistant City Manager

Absent:

Dave Owen - District 1
Martin Macisso - District 3
Steve Bushey - At-Large

Bob O'Brien - Business
Craig Gorris - Business
Ed Palmer - Business

1. Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2014 (5-0)
2. Moratorium Update and Discussion

There was an update discussion by the committee of the proposed ordinance banning tar/oil sands from the city. Members discussed the implications of a moratorium and how it will impact the city and business attractiveness.

3. Economic Development Plan Update

Jon Jennings briefed the committee on next steps in developing an economic development plan for the city. He mentioned the city has budgeted to bring on a consultant to assist the committee to develop the plan. There was discussion among the committee members on scope of the study and budget.

4. City-Wide ED Discussion

As a follow up to the discussion of the Economic Development plan for the City, Jennings discussed what was needed to facilitate a city wide discussion for economic development. The consensus of the committee was that through the ED plan development a discussion would occur throughout the city on the direction of overall economic development in South Portland.

5. Other

- Jon Jennings gave the committee an update on the press conference discussing the use of electric vehicles for the city.

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Cordially,

Jon P. Jennings
Assistant City Manager