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EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, March 5, 2015

6:00 to 8:00 PM

City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room

Attendees:

Sergio Gadder – District 2
Peter Stocks - District 4
Steve Bushey - At-Large

Craig Gorris - Business
Bob O'Brien - Business
Mike Valincourt - Business

Jon Jennings – Assistant City Manager

Absent:

Dave Owen - District 1
Martin Macisso - District 3
William Collins - District 5
John Schwartzman - At-Large

Ed Palmer - Business

1. Economic Plan

Due to scheduling, Jim Damicis, from Camoin Associates was not able to present at the February 25, 2015 meeting of the Economic Development Committee. The Committee reconvened to listen to Mr. Damicis' presentation. He began by discussing his background and company assets. He said a custom innovative ED strategy is the basis of his presentation. He said that in order to develop a comprehensive plan, we need to focus on what we have as assets and not what we do not have. He said his company process is data driven. He said he would focus on an economic base analysis, business/workforce trends, retail and commercial analysis. He said the initial start up of the study would need to go through the scope with stakeholders leading to a community meeting of approximately three hours. There was a general discussion by the Committee members concerning the scope of services, implementation of a plan and any follow up that may be needed.

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Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Cordially,

Jon P. Jennings
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