

College Place Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission (Monday, March 2, 2020)

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1. Opening Items

Procedural: 1.01 Call To Order

Commissioner Leen called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commission Members	Kelli Leen, Charlie DeSalvo-on behalf of Doug Case
Ex- Officio	Kyle Tarbet - Walla Walla Chamber of Commerce City Administrator, Mike Rizzitiello
Staff	Finance Director, Brian Carleton; Deputy City Clerk, Carolyn Holm;

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Bill Clemens, Doug Case/Dan Andrews, Jenny Fuchs, Jeff Lambert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

2. Consent Agenda

2.01 Approve Agenda for March 2nd, 2020

2.02 Approve Minutes from February 3rd, 2020

2.03 Approve Consent Agenda - Our adopted rules of Parliamentary Procedure, The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, provide for a consent agenda listing items for approval of the Commission by a single motion. Typically the items listed under the consent agenda are the minutes from previous meetings and the agenda for the current meeting. Documentation concerning these items has been provided to all Commission Members and the public in advance to assure an extensive and thorough review. Items may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of any Commission Member.

Mr. Tarbet made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Second by Mr. DeSalvo and the motion passed 3-0.

3. Reports

3.01 Legislative Session Report - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed the State Legislative report focusing on high and medium priority bills. He also noted the Highway 12 Phase 7 project showed in both the House and Senate budgets and that is a good sign. It just depends on what the Governor decides for whether the project is a go or not. Discussion ensued.

3.02 ICSC Recon Recruitment - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello reviewed the retail recruitment presentation for International Council of Shopping Center (ICSC) Real Estate show. The presentation focuses on trends impacting retail in 2020 and beyond and developing an aggressive retail recruitment strategy. The ICSC Recon show will be May 17-19 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

3.03 City-Owned Flex/Industrial Maker Space Building Concept - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello solicited opinion from the Commission for the option to apply for a grant from the State of Washington Department of Commerce Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) for a planning grant and a committed partner grant program relating to construction of Industrial/Commercial Flex buildings. If the study proves its feasibility, we could submit for 50% committed partner grant and seek additional grants from the Port and the Federal Economic Development Agency (EDA). Discussion ensued. All members in attendance agreed the City-owned flex/industrial maker space building concept is definitely worth exploring.

3.04 Development Tracking Update - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello gave an overview of the status of current and potential development projects. Discussion ensued.

4. Action Agenda

4.01 Lions Park Renovation Letter of Support - Mr. Rizzitiello

Mr. Rizzitiello informed the City is trying to assemble funds to do a complete renovation of Lions Park in 2021. The City plans to submit three grant applications to the State Recreation Conservation Office in 2021. One application to the Washington Wildlife Recreation Program to fund construction of the splash pad, picnic shelter, and restrooms. Another application to the Land Water Conservation Fund to separate the pond from Garrison Creek, construct a fishing dock, and a trail/exercise equipment around the perimeter of the cemetery. A final application to the Youth Athletic Facility program to renovate the softball/baseball field. Letters of support are key to the success of the grant applications. The programs are very competitive. The City has a match of \$400,000 toward the project. The full renovation is over \$2 million dollars. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rizzitiello requested a letter of support from the Commission.

Mr. Lambert made a motion to approve issuing letter of support for the various submittals to the State Recreation Conservation Office (RCO) for grants to renovate Lions Park. Second by Commissioner Leen and the motion passed 2-1 (DeSalvo).

5. Closing Items

5.01 Adjourn

Commissioner Leen motioned to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Approved:

Jeff Lambert- Chair

Attest:

Lisa Neissl – City Clerk

The foregoing minutes are the official record of the Economic Development, Tourism, and Events Commission meeting that occurred March 2, 2020. Further detail may be obtained by reviewing the actual audio recording made during this session.