

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

550 E. 6th Street, Beaumont, CA

Wednesday, September 09, 2020 - 4:00 PM

## MINUTES

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### REGULAR SESSION

4:00 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER at 4:04 PM

**Present:** Committee Members: Mayor Rey Santos, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Lara, Member Monir Ahmed, Member Bernie Balland, Member Ebon Brown, Member Allen Koblin, Member Von Lawson, Member Rob Moran, Member Bette Rader, Member Karen Wheat, *Business Community Member - vacant*

**Absent:** City Manager Todd Parton, Economic Development Manager Kyle Warsinski, and BUSD Student Angelina Segovia

Action of any requests for Excused Absence: **None**

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval / Adjustments to Agenda: **None**

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: **None**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA):**

*Any one person may address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda. If you wish to speak, please fill out a "Public Comment Form" provided at the back table and give it to the Committee Chair or Secretary. There is a three (3) minute limit on public comments. There will be no sharing or passing of time to another person. State Law prohibits the Committee from discussing or taking actions brought up by your comments.*

**No speakers**

#### **ACTION ITEMS/PUBLIC HEARINGS / REQUESTS**

1. Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Member Koblin**

**Second by Member Rader**

To approve Minutes dated August 12, 2020.

Approved by a 10-0 vote.

2. Update of Projects from City Staff

**No report**

3. Business Assistance Grant Program

**Discussion of the current grant program available from the City until September 15, 2020.**

4. Riverside County Ambassador Program

5. First Quarter 2020 Sales Tax Update

**Item tabled.**

6. Smartcity Plan Discussions

**Discussion of the objective towards a technology forward city and creating a sub-committee to research ideas and resources and to collaborate with the school district.  
Creation of a sub-committee:**

**Bette Rader  
Allen Koblin  
Ebon Brown  
Von Lawson**

#### TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

**Item tabled.**

7. **Intro to New Businesses Program**
8. **Cannabis in Area**
9. **Overview of Plan for Committee - Responsibilities and Duties**
10. **Economic Development Tools and Incentives**
11. **Workforce Development / Apprenticeship Program**
12. **Homelessness Update**

#### REPORTS

**Balland - Shared a slowing of work in the field.**

**Moran - Shared information regarding the County's Business Ambassador Program and a Grant Program.**

**Monir - No report**

**Lawson - Requested to be on the Smartcitysub-committee as well.**

**Lara - No report**

**Santos - Shared the opening of Raising Canes, the upcoming opening of Amazon**

**Wheat - No report**

**Rader - Announced upcoming Good Morning Beaumont event and mixer event.**

**Koblin - No report**

**Brown - Shared the news of the new Superintendent for the district and the progress of distant learning. Announced that the Board will be presented with an item of allowing sports conditioning and practice.**

**ADJOURNMENT at 4:50 p.m.**