



**CITY OF WHARTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**Monday, August 12, 2024  
5:00 PM**

***CITY HALL 120 EAST CANEY STREET  
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488***

**NOTICE OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that an Economic Development Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 5:00 PM at the Wharton City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

**SEE ATTACHED AGENDA**

Dated this 8th day of August 2024.


By:   
Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Economic Development Committee Meeting is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at City Hall of said City or Town in Wharton, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on August 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

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Dated this 8th day of August 2024.

**CITY OF WHARTON**

By:   
Paula Favors  
City Secretary



**A G E N D A**  
**CITY OF WHARTON**  
**Economic Development Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, August 12, 2024**  
**City Hall - 5:00 PM**

**Call to Order.**

**Roll Call.**

**Public Comments.**


**Review & Consider:**

1. Minutes from the meeting held January 9, 2023.
2. Presentation from Ardurra on the Downtown Master Plan.

**Adjournment.**

City of Wharton  
120 E. Caney Street  
Wharton, TX 77488

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Date:	8/12/2024	Agenda Item:	Minutes from the meeting held January 9, 2023.
Attached is a draft copy of the minutes from the meeting held on January 9, 2023.			
City Manager: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024	
Approval: 			
Mayor: Tim Barker			

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas  
Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

City Manager Joseph R. Pace declared a meeting of the City Council Economic Development Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 6:31 p.m.

Committee Members present: Councilmember Clifford Jackson; Councilmember Russell Machann, and Mayor Tim Barker.

Committee Member absent: None.

Staff Members present: City Manager Joseph R. Pace; Finance Director Joan Andel; City Secretary Paula Favors, and Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez.

Visitors present: Councilmember Terry Freese and Wharton Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Josh Owens.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider Minutes from the meetings held May 4, 2019, and May 5, 2019. Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution-A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a contract for services to complete the Downtown Master Plan funded through the City of Wharton American Rescue Plan Act – Federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-CLFR), TX1666 and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract and setting an effective date. Finance Director Joan Andel stated to the Committee that as part of the City of Wharton Recovery Plan, the City Council had authorized funding to prepare a Downtown Master Plan. She stated that on November 14, 2022, the City Council established a Consultant Selection Committee (CSC) for the selection of a qualified firm to perform the Downtown Master Plan for the City of Wharton. She stated that the City Staff issued a request for proposals (RFP) for firms and services to prepare the Master Plan that would be funded through the City of Wharton American Rescue Plan Act – Federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-CLRF), TX1666 and establish a Consultant Selection Committee to review the RFP's submitted for the program. She stated that a total of seven proposals were received. They are as follows:

1. Kendig Keast Collaborative
2. Cartodyne
3. Angelou Economics
4. Orchestra Partners
5. Askura Robinson
6. LJA

7. Ardurra

The Committee reviewed and scored the proposals. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council to award a contract for services to complete the Downtown Master Plan funded through the City of Wharton American Rescue Plan Act – Federal Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA-CLFR), TX1666 to Ardurra. Councilmember Clifford Jackson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.


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Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Date:	8/12/2024	Agenda Item:	Presentation from Ardurra on the Downtown Master Plan.
Ardurra will make a presentation on the Downtown Master Plan.			
City Manager: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Thursday, August 8, 2024	
Approval: 			
Mayor: Tim Barker			