

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
May 4, 2021

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Bill Farnham, Councilman Rob Rice, Councilman Michael Curtis

City Staff: Miriam Jones, Michele Brown, John Doyle, Tracey York, Mayor Jerry Brown,

Guests: Sean McGrath, Kate Shoemaker

1. **Call to Order and Citizen Comments** – Chairman Bill Farnham called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. No citizen comments.
2. **Approval of minutes-** Chairman Farnham made a motion to amend the agenda to elect a new Committee Chairman and to approve the meeting minutes. Councilman Rice made a motion to amend the agenda and approve the minutes from April 6, 2021. Councilman Curtis seconded the motion. Motion passed. Councilman Curtis made a motion to elect Councilman Rice to be the new Committee Chairman of the Economic Development Committee. Chairman Farnham seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Bird Scooters-** Kate Shoemaker from Bird stated that Bird is a dockless electric micro-mobility vehicle sharing company. The company is interested in bringing scooters to Waynesville. Bird's mission is to make cities more livable and bring communities together by providing an affordable, environmentally-friendly transit alternative. Bird can launch and operate at no cost at all to the city. Riders must be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license to use scooters. Safety is Bird's top priority. Riders are charged a \$1 unlock fee, as well as a per minute rate. Scooters are capped at around 15mph. New riders must download the Bird app in order to use scooters. Committee discussed the information that was provided. Mr. Doyle stated that he would be in contact and is hopeful to get Bird started in Waynesville.
4. **Municipal Code Update- Title 1- Government Provisions- Chapter 100-150-** Mr. Doyle stated the goal is to update title 1 of the Municipal Code and upload to City website which would be of value to citizens. Once uploaded to website we are still able to make corrections as needed since it would be a working document. Councilman Curtis made a motion to move forward with uploading to city website. Councilman Farnham seconded motion. Motion passed.
5. **Business Spotlight-** May- Rocky Top Pets, June- Drachenfutter, July- Shelter Insurance, August- Swensons Auto Service
6. **Special Events-** Uncommon Brother Hood- No Child Goes Hungry event at Waynesville City Park- May 22, 2021- 12pm to 7pm. Route 66 Art Gallery- Second Saturday Art Show- May 8, 2021 9am to 2pm. Chaland's All Dogs Academy- Waynesville City Park- May 22, 2021- 10am to 3pm. Cave State Cruisers- July- TBD.

There was a need for a closed session. Councilman Farnham made a motion to enter into closed session. Councilman Curtis seconded the motion. Committee entered closed session at 5:55pm.

Councilman Curtis made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Farnham seconded that motion. Committee returned to open session at 6:20pm.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on June 1, 2021 at 5:00pm