ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES November 3, 2021

In Attendance:

Committee: Chairman Rob Rice, Councilman Bill Farnham **City Staff:** John Doyle, Miriam Jones, Tracey York, Michele Brown **Absent**: Councilman Michael Curtis **Media:** Darrell Maurina

- 1. Call to Order and Citizen Comments Chairman Rice called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. No citizen comments.
- 2. Approval of minutes- Councilman Farnham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 14, 2021. Chairman Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **3. 2022 Final Budget-** Final budget worksheet provided to the committee. There is an Economic Development line in the budget with \$70,000 to help fund community organizations, future activities, memberships and economic development programs.
- **4. CID Budget Review-** Mr. Doyle provided the Westgate Community Improvement District budget for review. The CID board meets bi-annually. Members are Mr. Doyle, Mayor Brown, Councilman Conley, Richard Hicks, and David McFarland. The financials are overseen by Mark Spykerman with Gilmore and Bell. The city is reimbursed once a year for the development of the Community Improvement District. In 2020 the city was reimbursed \$50,000 and this year received \$30,000.
- 5. Roubidoux Streatery- The Roubdidoux Streatery is in the beginning stages of development and will kick off next Spring. The food truck court will tie into other features that the city has planned.
- 6. Economic Development Coordinator Update- Scheduled to start on November 15.
- 7. Business Spotlight- November- The Blue Bee, January- Haute Dawgs
- 8. Special Events- November 11- Veterans Day Parade in Saint Robert
- **9. Other Business-** The City received funding through the American Rescue Plan Act and has approved the following programs to offer assistance to the citizens of Waynesville.
 - i. Employee Premium Pay Program for Grocery & Convenience Stores located within the City Limits of Waynesville- The owner of business must apply for employees; check will be written to employees for up to \$250 per employee. Amount based on length you worked through pandemic. Rules set by government and must still be employed by business.
 - **ii. Utility Relief Program-** \$100,000 has been set aside for the Utility Relief program. This is a five-year program with \$20,000 to be allocated each year.
 - **iii. Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Program-** The amount of funding for this program is \$100,000. Homeowners within City limits can apply for up to \$2,000. Once application is submitted it will be reviewed and a home energy audit will be performed to make sure that funds requested are actually going into home to make the home more energy efficient.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Next scheduled meeting will be held on January 4, 2022 at 5:00pm