

MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

April 17, 2014 - 9:35 P.M.

Committee Members Present: Councilor Jonathan McCallion, Chair
Councilors Dale Sprague and David Witham

Administration/staff present: City Manager Bob Belmore; Director of Planning
and Development Dave Sharples; Economic
Development Manager Christine Soutter;
Deputy City Clerk Elise Brellis

Other: Casey Conley, Fosters Daily Democrat

Chairman McCallion called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Sprague made a motion to accept the previous minutes; the motion passed and the meeting minutes were approved, 3-0.

DRAFT RFP FOR CITY PARKING LOT.

City Manager Belmore reported that their research of the (Nard's parking lot) found that no deed had been created. He believes it is prudent to have lawyers do a deed abstract prior to sale of the property. Councilor Witham is in favor of putting it up for sale. He said that it does not benefit us.

Councilor Sprague recommends putting in an amendment giving us the right to pass through so the stairs could be used in the future.

There was consensus on that point and CM Belmore said he would have the attorney do an abstract and an amendment allowing them to pass through.

PLAZA REDEVELOPMENT.

Councilor Sprague said that the Rail Advisory Committee would have its first meeting on Tuesday. As far as developing for rail services, he said we need to consider whether we need parking for a terminal. There was consensus to keep that on the table.

REGULATING PAY DAY LENDERS- DRAFT ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to endorse the draft ordinance and move it to the full Council for consideration. It will require a public hearing.

The motion passed 3-0.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Dave Sharples, Director of Planning and Development Services, testified under the House Committee a couple of weeks ago on SB-347 (relative to municipal enforcement of land use ordinances.) He said the Senate passed it 20-0; now it will go to the House and (they) do not “see any issues.”

Councilor Witham said that Senator Watters has been very helpful to them.

Councilor Witham, seconded by Councilor Sprague, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise B. Brellis, Deputy City Clerk