

CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EDAC) MEETING
Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Committee Chair Bruce Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. in the West Wing Conference Room of Coral Springs City Hall, located at 9551 West Sample Road, Coral Springs, Florida.

Bruce Weinberg, Committee Chair	Present
Michael Singer, Vice Committee Chair	Present
Karlene Facey, Committee Member	Present
Maxine Gutman, Committee Member	Present
Howard Melamed, Committee Member	Present
Mark Mucci, Committee Member	Absent
Rosa Payan, Committee Member	Absent
Linda Siegel, Committee Member	Phone
Wilson Aihara, Committee Member	Present
Dan Daley, Commission Liaison	Absent
Cindy Brief, Chamber Liaison	Present

Also in attendance were:

Ana Barbosa, Chief Economic Development Officer
 Yuu Soubra, Economic Development Coordinator
 Danielle Lima, CRA Administrator
 Anthony Pustizzi, Interim Deputy City Manager
 Catherine Givens, Director of Budget
 James Hickey, Asst. Director of Development Services

All persons in attendance rose for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Citizen's Comments** – There were no comments.
2. **Special Announcements** – The Committee welcomed back Ms. Barbosa, who recently returned from a deployment. As Hurricane Irma approaches Florida, Committee Member Gutman prayed for everyone's safety during the storm.
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – August 1, 2017 Committee Meeting.

ACTION: Committee Member Gutman moved, seconded by Committee Member Aihara, to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

4. **New Business**

Millage Update:

Mrs. Givens presented slide shows to explain the City's budget process. Mrs. Givens highlighted the FY 2018 proposed fire fund and water & sewer fund. Committee member Gutman asked if Parkland's fire fund was included, to which Mrs. Givens responded that they have a separate fire fund budgeted in Parkland. Mrs. Givens next discussed the City's proposed millage rate and explained the City's position on a 35% tax increase. Committee Member Melamed expressed his concerns against the tax increase and apprehension about the City Hall debt service. He believes the tax increase will make it harder for the City to attract and retain businesses. Chairman Weinberg suggested if anyone has any questions or concerns about the budget to please attend the upcoming public meetings. The upcoming public budget hearings are scheduled for September 13th (first hearing) and September 27th (final hearing).

Downtown Zoning Mixed-Use Support Letter from the EDAC:

Mr. Hickey presented slide shows to update the Committee on the new proposed Downtown Mixed-Use (DT-MU) Zoning District that allows more flexibility for developers. He explained that public meetings and workshops to educate the property owners and downtown merchants have been conducted over the past year, and then he highlighted an overview of existing zoning code and an overall structure of the

proposed DT-MU zoning district (which is a form-based code). Additionally, the parking structure under this new zoning will reduce parking requirements and promote walkability and bikeability. Any existing business in Downtown will stay as non-conforming status unless they go out of business. More information on the DT-MU is available on the City’s website. Ms. Brief requested staff to provide her with a one-page summary to share the information with the Chamber of Commerce. The next steps are to present the zoning amendment to the Planning & Zoning Board and to hold two public hearings at the City Commission meeting. At the end of his presentation, Mr. Hickey requested that the EDAC provide a letter of support for the approval of the Downtown Mixed-Use Zoning District.

ACTION: Committee Member Melamed moved, seconded by Committee Member Gutman, to approve and sign the letter of support. The motion was approved unanimously (7-0).

Economic Development Office Update:

Because of limited time, Ms. Barbosa requested to table the Business Recognition Program to the next meeting. She asked the Committee to add “innovative business” as a new criterion and to continue with the process of the program. Regards to the budget, Ms. Barbosa stated that the proposed operating budget increase can help with the operation of the economic development department. Chairman Weinberg asked if the five-committee members (Mucci, Facey, Weinberg, Gutman and Aihara) whose term is expiring this month had reapplied. EDO will prepare the EDAC appointment agenda memo for the October City Commission meeting.

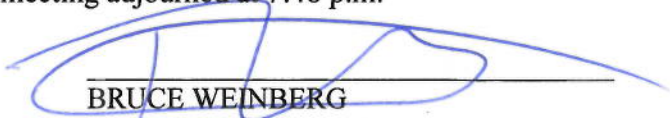
Next Meeting:


The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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DATE APPROVED/ACCEPTED


BRUCE WEINBERG
Committee Chairperson
Economic Development Advisory Committee


YJU SOUBRA
Economic Development Coordinator
City of Coral Springs