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## Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, September 1, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. via ZOOM

1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina	X			
Lemke, Joseph		X	x	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Kim Corcoran	X			
Ruppe, Mark	X			
Schonberg, Bob		X	x	
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett		X	X	
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Quorum</b>	

Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman

3. Approval of the July 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes:  
**Motion** by Corcoran to accept the July 7, 2021 meeting minutes. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda.  
**Motion** by Corcoran to approve the Agenda. **Second** by Meyer. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit):  
None.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. 2021 Goals.

I. Redevelopment Ready Communities Development Sites: Community Development has met with the MEDC to discuss the zoning ordinance. He discussed doing a review of the comprehensive plan with the Planning Commission. A full revision won't be done for a while. The full certification will allow the City to focus on the redevelopment sites. There is interest in downtown redevelopment and may take priority.

II. MEDC Grants (i.e. Build to Suit Grant): The grant will be appropriate for the City when the community becomes RRC certified.

III. Internal Marketing (Outreach and education for Hospitality Industry): Meyer gave the update and discussed the Chamber sponsored event at the Aurora Club where a representative of Kwik Trip will be presenting.

IV. TIF District for Downtown: The TIF plan may be disconnected from the downtown development plan to move forward more quickly to complete the TIF plan. Tax revenue is expected to increase making the finalization of the TIF plan sooner than originally expected. One issue is that the TIF and the downtown plan are very interconnected and may cause duplicate information.

B. COVID-19 Business Update: The rescue act may impact this item. This item may be changed to rescue act.

C. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment License Application Update: Director Bergman gave an update.

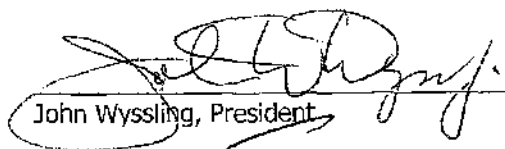
D. Zoning Ordinance Update: The consultant has fixed many of the issues that staff has made known. The Planning Commission has a draft of the document.

8. Other Business: Meyer gave an update for the Emberlight Festival. The planned movie for the City Square has been relocated to the Historic Ironwood Theatre.

Wyssling talked about the plaque for presentation to Dave Ramme at the City Commission for his family.

9. Next Meeting: October 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Corcoran to adjourn at 10:38 a.m. **Second** by Meyer. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**



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John Wyssling, President



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Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant