

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

August 4, 2009

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In Attendance: Councilperson Hardman, Councilman O’Riley, and Councilperson Cordry, City Administrator Bruce Harrill, Visitors: Carl Ramey with Stifel Nicolaus & Co., Wayne Morgan, Pulaski County Economic Developer, Virgie Mahan, and Stephanie Nutt

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 by Councilperson Hardman.

1. Introduction of Mr. Wayne Morgan – Councilperson Hardman introduced Mr. Wayne Morgan, the Pulaski County Economic Developer. Mr. Morgan had met with Mr. Harrill and visited some of the sites of the City of Waynesville. Mr. Morgan has been involved with economic development since 1980. Mr. Morgan stated that this is a unique city with great opportunity for growth.

2. Smithsonian on Main Street – Councilperson Hardman introduced Ms Stephanie Nutt, President of the Old Stage Coach Stop. Ms. Nutt explained that the Smithsonian on Main Street is a traveling exhibit designed for rural communities. This particular exhibit is titled “Journey Stories” which is specific to the settlement of our county. Journey Stories is a way to get Smithsonian type exhibits to rural areas. This exhibit will be in the Waynesville area October 2 through November 13, 2010 and will need many volunteers to help with the events.

3. “Sippin on the Square” – Councilperson Hardman introduced Ms. Virgie Mahan who attended a similar event in St. James, Mo. In St. James the Chamber of Commerce organized the event which brought in 12 different wineries that set tasting booths at different location throughout the square. Ms. Mahan stated that it was a great event. Councilperson Cordry liked the idea and the committee will look into the legalities and how City Council would support such an event.

4. Economic Development Plan – Mr. Harrill and Councilman O’Riley presented some of the Economic Development Goals from the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Harrill suggested the committee examine them, make comments and revisit next meeting.

5. Other Business – Councilperson Hardman announced that the Korean Association had made a donation to the I-44 beautification project. She presented a conceptual site plan for the Roubidoux Springs Trail.

At 5:35 pm, Councilperson Hardman made a motion, 2nd by Councilman O’Riley, to go into Closed Session for the purpose of real estate in accordance with RSMO Section 610.021(2).

Councilperson Cordry made a motion, 2nd by Councilperson Hardman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm.