CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025

A meeting of the Blue Springs Economic Development Council was held at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, in the Administration Training Room of Blue Springs City Hall, 903 W. Main Street with Chairperson, Becky Nace, presiding.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Becky Nace, Chairperson- 2/2
Lyle Shaver, Vice Chair-1/2
Ann Benson- 2/2
Terri Gilgour-2/2
Adam Hathhorn- 2/2
Kirk Lair-2/2
Kirk Sampson-2/2
Lara Vermillion-2/2
Zachary Harrell-2/2
Roy Boyd-2/2

STAFF & OTHER ATTENDEES

Economic Development Manager Josh Alexander
Senior City Development Director Mike Mallon
Recording Secretary Traci Breshears
Susan Culpepper District 3 Councilmember 2/2
Sheryl Morgan, Assistant to the City Administrator
Christine Cates, City Administrator

CALL MEETING ORDER

Chair Becky Nace called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

APPROVE December 18, 2024 MINUTES

Member Lair moved to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024 meeting of the Economic Development Council. The motion was seconded by Member Vermillion and carried unanimously.

UPDATES:

A. 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Economic Development Manager, Josh Alexander presented the 2024 Economic Development Annual Report.

B. RECAP OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS TRIP TO ICSC IN DALLAS

Mr. Alexander presented the information he acquired from the Economic Developer Trip to ICSC in Dallas, TX.

C. RECENT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHANGES

Mr. Alexander went over businesses that closed, ones that opened, and ones coming down the pipe.

D. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM LAST MEETING THAT REQUIRED RESEARCH

Mr. Alexander went over the question posed to him by Council Member Harrell about industrial zoned areas, and if any spots are looking to be filled.

QUESTIONS

Chairperson Nace asked if anyone had topics or reports to discuss. Sheryl Morgan, Assistant to the City Administrator, told the board about the Boards and Commissions Night for the City's Strategic Plan. Mike Mallon, Senior Director of City Development, discussed the Strategic Planning Initiative.

Council Member Benson discussed some topics for future discussion as table topics.

Chairperson Nace discussed transportation and it's effects on cities.

Council Member Shaver discussed that since the City is landlocked, that we need to use the space we have.

Council Member Boyd asked about the Lake Remembrance development and if there were any incentives. Mr. Mallon answered that for the right development the City would be willing to discuss incentives. He also discussed the ownership's original approval for a project of mixed-use development in 2015-2016 that never came to fruition and every time someone has asked about purchasing the price has gone up.

Council Member Shaver also asked questions about annexations and how can we make people want to annex into the City. Mr. Mallon discussed that most are large single-family lots and that most like not being in the City.

NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Council will be Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT At 9:08 a.m. there was no further business to come before the Economic Development Council, Member Lair moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Member Gilgour and carried unanimously.

BLUE SPRINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Becky Nace, Chairperson