

**City of Sutherlin
Council Workshop Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2013
Sutherlin Civic Auditorium – 8:30 pm**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Boggs, Frank Egbert, Patricia Klassen, Todd McKnight, Karen Meier and Forrest Stone

MAYOR: Denny Cameron

CITY STAFF: City Manager, Jerry Gillham
City Attorney, Chad Jacobs (via Skype)
City Recorder/HR Manager, Debbie Hamilton
Deputy City Recorder, Diane Harris
Community Development Director, Vicki Luther
Chief of Police, Kirk Sanfilippo
Finance Director, Ron Harker

Audience: Brian Burke Sr., Aaron Larson, Andre Carter, Mike Meier and Tadd Held.

Introduction of Media: None present.

Called to order by Mayor Cameron at 8:30pm.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City Manager, Jerry Gillham, shared his academic background, training and knowledge of Economic Development. He informed the Council he has been working with Greg Henderson, who was planning to assist in the presentation.

Gillham presented a PowerPoint on Economic Development.

- He explained the definition of Traded Sector Economy or external economy as well as the definition of internal economy.
- Economic Development is the creation or capturing of wealth; the capturing of wealth means you acquire dollars that already exist, that are being spent elsewhere where there's a choice; that's called leakage. The creation of wealth is generating dollars by the exporting of products, goods or services through commerce.

Gillham continued his presentation explaining the aspects of Economic Development and how they affect a community. He and Henderson visited approximately 13 different businesses and completed tasks such as:

- Put together and prioritized issues
- Created a timeline
- Identified business and industrial properties
- Created an Economic Development webpage
- Property title and descriptions
- Followed up on the previously visited businesses
- Went one on one with over a dozen businesses looking to expand
- Met with prospective developers

Attended meetings with:

- Economic Development Partnership
- Douglas County's Industrial Development Board
- Umpqua Community College Foundation
- Umpqua Basin Economic Alliance
- Umpqua Community College Business Development Center
- Met with many developers

Gillham informed Council every week he sends the City's Economic Development Website to several outside companies.

The Council discussed the presentation, priorities, funding, solving wetland issues, developing streets in the industrial park, extending infrastructure out to Exit 135 and W. Sixth Avenue and other issues during the Workshop.

Council questions and priorities:

- Streets in Industrial Park and fast track financing
- Extending infrastructure to Exit 135
- Solve wetland issues in industrial park
- Water to industrial land
- What would ODOT do with the property as it is zoned
- Try to get county land to the City, we should have more say on those lands
- Confirm easement that goes along backside of industrial property to Taylor Street
- Scenario – requirements, process and cost of developing in the industrial land

Gillham remarked the grant he applied for would answer many of the Council's questions.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm. After a five minute break Council went into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ORS #192.660(2) (e) – Real Property Transaction and ORS #192.660(2) (f) – Exempt Public Records

Executive Session adjourned at 9:58pm.

Approved by:

Jerry Gillham, City Manager

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Harris, Deputy City Recorder

Denny Cameron, Mayor