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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTES – December 4, 2025**

Members Present: Shannon Ilas, Russel Williams, Jared Dean, Christi Lanz, and Shannon Knight, Heather Jones
Public Present: Lance Weinard, Rebecca Hollenbeck
Council Liaison: Kevin Bonnington
Staff Present: Chris Myers, Associate Planner, Lynn Schroder Management Analyst, and Community Development Director Steve Koper

Staff Liaison: Chris Myers cmyers@westlinnoregon.gov

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Public Comment: Non-Agenda items
3. Approve Minutes: October, November
4. EDC Annual Report
5. Member Sharing: SWOT Analysis
6. Items of Interest from Staff
7. Items of Interest from EDC Members
8. Adjourn

Notes

The meeting focused on addressing technical issues, enhancing community engagement, aligning committee projects with city priorities, and exploring financial strategies to improve the city's budget and services. Meeting called to order at 6:11pm

- Chris Myers leads the meeting and addresses technical issues with audio connections.
- Lance Weinerd shares his motivation for joining the committee and emphasizes community engagement.
- The committee discusses the importance of connecting with business owners and gathering public feedback.
- Members reflect on their strengths, weaknesses, and contributions to the committee's goals.
- The group acknowledges improvements in meeting attendance and organization over recent months.
- There is a focus on aligning committee projects with city council priorities for effective outcomes.

- Members express a desire to analyze city financial needs and explore potential opportunities for growth.
- The city faces a strategic disadvantage with the lowest property tax rate in the metro area.
- Current budget constraints limit options for addressing financial deficits and maintaining city services.
- Discussions focus on raising parks fees to align with maintenance costs as a potential solution.
- The city's zoning structure contributes to financial challenges and requires reevaluation for better tax generation.

Action items

- Consider potential new member applications and provide updates at the next meeting.
- Prepare and submit the annual report for approval.
- Schedule a follow-up discussion regarding the council's priority projects in January.
- Complete the SWOT analysis for the committee.
- Chris Myers to keep the group updated on the progress of raising the parks fee and other financial solutions.
- Lynn Schroder to serve as the new EDC liaison starting December 15.
- Chris Myers to ask for clarification regarding subcommittees and bylaws at the next meeting.