CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024

A meeting of the Blue Springs Economic Development Council was held at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, in the Administration Training Room of Blue Springs City Hall, 903 W. Main Street with Vice Chair Lyle Shaver presiding.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Becky Nace, Chairperson
Lyle Shaver, Vice Chair—Absent
Ann Benson
Terri Gilgour
Adam Hathhorn
Kirk Lair
Kirk Sampson
Lara Vermillion
Zachary Harrell
Roy Boyd

STAFF & OTHER ATTENDEES

Economic Development Manager Josh Alexander, Senior City Development Director Mike Mallon, Recording Secretary Traci Breshears, Susan Culpepper District 3 Councilmember

CALL MEETING ORDER

Chair Becky Nace called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

APPROVE August 21, 2024 MINUTES

Member Lair moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting of the Economic Development Council. The motion was seconded by Member Vermillion and carried unanimously.

UPDATES:

A. OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SWOT ANALYSIS

Economic Development Manager, Josh Alexander presented his SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis. Mr. Alexander stated that he would send everyone the hard data from the year at the next meeting once the end of year data had been collected.

Member Boyd discussed his work on restaurant and hotel association boards and how that can be useful to the City.

Chairperson Nace asked about incentives for businesses. Senior City Development Director Mike Mallon discussed the incentives the City has and the City's willingness to give them.

B. PROJECT AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Senior Director Mallon presented the development updates happening in the City.

C. COMMENTS & QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

Chairperson Nace discussed inputting different ideas.

Councilwoman Culpepper discussed the possibility of presenting trends and growth to City Council.

Member Benson discussed the national housing shortage, particularly for low-income 55+ and disabled.

Chairperson Nace discussed the benefits and challenges of low-income housing.

Member Harrell discussed manufacturing and industrial jobs within the city and their importance within the community.

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

ADJOURNMENT At 9:14 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 Boyd and carried unanimously.

BLUE SPRINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Becky Nace, Chairperson