

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 16, 2022

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## **Call to Order**

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Councilwoman Demetrus Coonrod, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the John P. Franklin, Sr. City Council Building. A quorum of seven was present that also included Council Chairman Darrin Ledford and Councilpersons Ken Smith, Isiah Hester, Carol Berz, and Marvene Noel. Others present were Phil Noblett, Special Council to City Attorney, and Kyana Grady, Administrative Assistant to Council. Not present were Vice Chair Raquetta Dotley, and Councilpersons Chip Henderson and Jenny Hill. [Councilwoman Berz later exited the meeting, leaving a quorum of six.]

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## **Others in Attendance**

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Mayor's Office: Joda Thongnopnua, Chief of Staff, and Brooke Satterfield, Deputy Chief of Staff;  
Economic Development: Jermaine Freeman, Senior Advisor for Economic Opportunity & Interim Administrator; Finance: Brent Goldberg, Chief Financial Officer

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## **Approval of Minutes**

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**On motion of Councilman Smith** and seconded by Chairman Ledford, the minutes of the last meeting (July 19, 2022) were approved as published.

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## **Next week, August 23, 2022**

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## **Resolutions – Agenda Items 7A**

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These items had been discussed at previous open meetings. Upon no questions or comments, the issue was closed.

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## **Workforce Development**

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Councilwoman Coonrod opened the floor to Mr. Jermaine Freeman for a presentation regarding the Workforce Development Department which covered the following topics:

- Initial Goals
- Constituent Profile
- Convener Partners
- Intake Assessment and Case Management Wrap-Around Services
- Service Providers for Wrap-Around Services
- Referrals to Employment and Education
- Employer Partners
- Additional Support
- Work-Based Learning Opportunities and Apprenticeships
- Highlight of Colonel Khial Shinwari
- New Director of Workforce Development Strategy- Quentin Lawrence

Upon conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Freeman responded to questions and comments on the following:

- Pilot recipients; more information about the relationships involving these programs (Ledford)
- Creation of another branch for Fire and Police (Ledford)
- Number of citizens reaching employment (Coonrod)
- Is Mr. Hartwood still currently employed in Workforce Development? (Coonrod)
- Constituent outreach (Coonrod)
- Outreach to constituents in lower-income areas or who are receiving assistance (Coonrod)

Councilwoman Coonrod requested an offline meeting with Mr. Freeman to discuss her questions and concerns regarding the program further, to which Mr. Freeman advised he would schedule with her. Upon no further questions or comments, this issue was closed.

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## **Adjournment**

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There being no further business, Councilwoman Coonrod adjourned the meeting at 4: 03 p.m.