

**CITY OF OLIVETTE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2023**

The City of Olivette Economic Development Commission hosted a meeting January 23, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Olivette City Center, 1140 Dielman Road, Olivette, MO, 63132. The meeting was conducted both in person and via videoconferencing on Zoom. Economic Development Commissioner Chairman Rod Patershuk called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. ROLL CALL.

On roll call, the following members were present in person: David Moons, Rod Patershuk, and Nate Zelinske.

Also, in attendance: City Councilmember Gregory Carl (attending via videoconference), Director of Planning and Community Development Carlos Trejo, and Senior Planner Dawn Doty.

A quorum being present, Chairman Patershuk declared the meeting in session for the transaction of business.

The Chairman noted that City Manager Barbara Sondag and Council Person Missy Waldman were present in the audience.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Chairman Patershuk opened the floor to public comments. There were none.

City Manager Sondag spoke before the Commission. She noted that she will be retiring April 2nd and has submitted her letter of resignation to the City Council.

3. BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS.

Business Spotlight. Mr. Trejo introduced Neal Minor, the Chief Administrative Officer with Agri-Genesis, LLC, one of Missouri's leading cannabis companies, including cultivating, manufacturing and dispensary operators. The Company provides cannabis and cannabis infused products and operates five Missouri dispensaries under the brand name "Sunrise", including Kansas City, St. Louis, Clinton, Macon, and Maryville. With the passage of Amendment 3 and the ongoing Code changes to the Municipal Code relating to adult use recreational marijuana, Mr. Trejo noted that Mr. Minor is invited to speak to the Commission to discuss state licensing regulations, status of policies and procedures being drafted by the State, how cannabis businesses invest and obtain property, and how money, financing, and banking are handled.

Mr. Minor spoke before the Commission he had a prepared slide presentation. He noted the following via the slide presentation:

- Locations of current facilities operated by Agri-Genesis;
- The current employment levels of Agri-Genesis;
- History of the cannabis industry in Missouri;
- Common ailments treated by cannabis;
- Difference between THC vs CBD products;
- Types of consumption of cannabis products;
- Executive team members of Agri-Genesis;
- Current facilities, including manufacturing facilities and dispensaries;
- MO approval of adult-use recreational marijuana;
- Crime statistics;
- Security requirements as outlined by the MO Department Human Services;
- Impact on property values;
- Impact on economy;

Discussion ensued amongst Commission members and Mr. Minor. Discussion included selection of locations, lessons learned from other States, schedule of current petition submitted for 9270 Olive

Boulevard, and means of communication and connection. Discussion ensued over future Federal changes as it relates to the cannabis industry and banking.

Individual outreach. No updates were provided.

4. 5-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

In lieu of updating the Commission on the 5-Year Economic Development Plan, Mr. Trejo update the Commission regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update. He noted that on November 8, 2022, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Shockey Consulting Services, LLC, to update the plan. Upon the contract being signed, staff will be working with Shockey to develop a schedule for 2023.

5. OTHER BUSINESS.

5.I Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for November 28, 2022, were accepted.

5.II Reports

Mr. Trejo provided updates regarding City developments and City events.

Councilperson Carl provided an overview of recent City Council activities.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Patershuk asked if there were any further questions or comments. Being none, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Secretary David Moons

Adopted: 2023