

**CITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**COURT HOUSE**  
**Economic Strategies and Cooperation Meeting**  
**January 25, 2023**

The Economic, Strategies and Cooperation Committee met in the City Council Chambers of 105 North Main Street on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Ms. Kendra Hernandez presided and those in attendance were Mr. Steve Shiltz, Council Member, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Council Member, Mr. Jim Chrisman, Council Member, Mr. Jim Blair, Mr. Dale Lynch, Council Chairperson, Mrs. Chelsie Baker, Economic Development Director, Mr. Mark Pitstick, City Attorney and Mr. Joseph Denen, City Manager.

1. The Committee reviewed progress with industrial development.
2. The Committee noted the status of various development projects within the community and downtown area. Mrs. Baker noted there were forty-one open projects.
3. The Committee benefited from a review regarding downtown events. Mrs. Baker noted that the Main Street Board had a meeting on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss open board positions and downtown event schedule.
4. The Committee was advised that Farm to Fork was confirmed to be held downtown in 2023.
5. The Administration advised the Committee of a new business's interest in the downtown area.
6. The Committee reviewed progress with commercial development. The Committee noted interest from the community.
7. The Administration advised the Committee that the new color chart was in the final stages of completion and would be presented to the Historic District and Review Board.
8. The Committee benefited from a review of Business Advisory Council (BAC) updates.
9. The Committee noted upcoming Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) visits with Red Collar/Hill Nutrition.

10. The Committee noted that two new business plaques were presented in December and January and that three more would be presented in the upcoming weeks.
11. Mrs. Baker encouraged new businesses to reach out to her directly so that she and Mr. Denen could formally welcome them to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Chairperson, Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee

Mrs. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary