

**CITY OF WASHINGTON
COURT HOUSE
Economic Strategies and Cooperation Meeting
March 22, 2023**

The Economic, Strategies and Cooperation Committee met in the City Council Chambers of 105 North Main Street on Wednesday, March 22, 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. 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, specifically Project Crane.
2. The Committee noted the status of various development projects within the community and downtown area. The Administration advised that construction of Kitty's Catfe' was progressing.
3. The Committee benefited from a review regarding downtown events. Mrs. Baker noted the Main Street Shop Hop Events had been scheduled for 2023. Mrs. Baker reviewed the rack cards that were distributed to the community.
4. The Committee reviewed progress with commercial development. The Committee noted interest from the community. The Committee recommended granting tax abatement for John Hinderer for a new car dealership location.
5. The Administration noted property annexations were progressing and discussions would begin on future land acquisitions.
6. The Committee noted that new business plaques were presented to Elevate, Yoga Room, and Unleashed.
7. The Administration advised the Committee that research was being completed on an issue pertaining to property near East Paint Street.
8. The Committee benefited from a review of the Honda Groundbreaking Ceremony and Marysville visit with the Honda group.
9. The Committee noted an upcoming Honda Event to be located at the Fayette County Airport on June 3rd from 11am- 3pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ms. Kendra Hernandez, Chairperson, Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee
Mr. Joe Denen, Recording Secretary