

CITY OF WASHINGTON
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Economic Strategies and Cooperation Meeting
March 23, 2022

The Economic, Strategies and Cooperation Committee met in the City Council Chambers of 105 North Main Street on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Mr. Steve Shiltz presided and those in attendance were Mr. Ted Hawk, 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.
2. The Committee noted the status of various development and expansion projects within the community and downtown area. The Administration advised the Committee of new business interest and openings within the area.
3. The Administration advised the Committee of Salty Broads Grand Opening on April 1, at 4:00 pm.
4. The Committee benefited from a review regarding downtown events. The Administration encouraged citizens participation and support of the upcoming April Shop Hop.
5. The Committee reviewed progress with commercial development. The Administration advised that the Hadler Company and Pennmark Properties were progressing with new business opportunities at their locations.
6. The Committee noted that the electric vehicle charging stations were ready to be utilized by citizens. The Administration advised that donations could be made for the use of the station by QR code at the location.
7. The Administration advised the Committee of an opportunity to offer a façade grant to downtown businesses. The Committee recommended that legislation be brought to Council.
8. The Administration advised the Committee of discussions with the Ohio River Foundation regarding a possibility of a Paint Creek Wetlands project near the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
9. The Committee noted that an article was placed in the Spectrum insert reflecting on the effect of Covid19 and our business environment.

10. The Committee noted of an annexation interest.
11. The Administration advised the Committee that branding downtown continued.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mr. Steve Shiltz, Member, Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee
Mrs. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary