

**CITY OF WASHINGTON
COURT HOUSE
Economic Strategies and Cooperation Meeting
April 27, 2022**

The Economic, Strategies and Cooperation Committee met in the City Council Chambers of 105 North Main Street on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM. Ms. Kendra Hernandez presided and those in attendance were Mr. Caleb Johnson, Council Member, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Council Member, Mr. Ted Hawk, Council Member, Mr. Jim Blair, 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. The Committee noted progress with Make Build Shift LLC. The Committee continued and discussed the EZ Application, noting 75% tax abatement for 10 years. The Committee noted that notification letters would need to be sent to both schools two weeks before the first meeting. The Committee recommended that legislation be brought to Council.
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 that Salty Broads Grand Opening was held on April 1st at 4:00 pm and the ribbon cutting of Umbrella Alley will be held April 29th at 5:30 pm.
4. The Committee benefited from a review regarding downtown events. The Administration encouraged citizens participation and support of the upcoming Shop Hop and the Longest Day Event.
5. The Committee reviewed progress with commercial development. The Administration noted that Pennmark Properties was progressing with new business opportunities at their locations.
6. The Administration advised the Committee that branding downtown continued.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Hernandez, Chairperson, Economic Strategies and Cooperation Committee
Mrs. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary