

**CITY OF WASHINGTON
COURT HOUSE
Economic Strategies and Cooperation Meeting
June 23, 2021**

The Economic, Strategies and Cooperation Committee met in the City Council Chambers of 105 North Main Street on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 5:00 PM. Ms. Kendra Hernandez presided and those in attendance were Mr. Dale Lynch, Council Member, Mr. Jim Blair, Council Member, Mr. Ted Hawk, Council Member, Mr. Steve Shiltz, Council Member, Mr. Jim Chrisman, 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. The Administration advised the Committee of upcoming Shop Hop events and the Art on the Square event that will be held on August 21st.
3. The Committee noted recent/future BR&E meetings held with local companies. The Administration advised the Committee that discussions were revisited with local businesses regarding workforce issues and finding ways to rebuild the workforce within the community.
4. The Administration advised the Committee that multiple projects were progressing.
5. The Committee noted projects and business growth in the downtown area.
6. The Committee noted discussions regarding possible opportunities for investment and expansion of infrastructure for adult and student vocational education programs.
7. The Committee reviewed progress with commercial development.
8. The Committee welcomed Mrs. Kristy Bowers to the Chamber of Commerce. The Administration advised the Committee that the Welcome House WCH project would begin soon.
9. The Committee noted the progression with the painting of the South Main Street mural.

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