



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AGENDA SECTION	BUSINESS ITEMS
MEETING DATE	04/06/2026

ITEM:	Pledge of Allegiance Discussion.		
<i>Presenting Item:</i> CD Coordinator Emilie Voight			
DEPARTMENT: Community Development		BY/DATE: CD Coordinator 03/17/2026	
CORE CITY STRATEGIES: <i>(please indicate areas that apply by adding an "X" in front of the selected text below)</i>			
_ Community that Grows with Purpose and Equity		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaged, Effective and Forward-Thinking	
_ High Quality Public Spaces		_ Resilient and Prosperous Economy	
_ Safe, Accessible and Built for Everyone		_ Inclusive and Connected Community	

BACKGROUND

During the February 2026 EDA meeting, the Commission asked staff to look into whether reciting the Pledge of Allegiance was listed in the EDA Bylaws or any other City guiding documents that might require its inclusion as part of the monthly meeting order of business.

In response to the Commission’s request, staff provided a brief informational update during the March meeting. As stated in that update, the EDA Bylaws do not mention the Pledge of Allegiance, nor do they include it in the order of business for meetings. The Pledge is not referenced in the City Charter, nor is it referenced in the City Code. Based on records of past EDA meetings, the EDA has typically included the Pledge as part of its proceedings since approximately 2003. Prior to 2003, records of EDA meetings suggest that the Pledge was sometimes recited, but not during every meeting, and with varying regularity.

Staff are of the opinion that the EDA Board of Commissioners has the discretion to decide whether the Pledge is recited as part of its monthly meeting proceedings.

Requested EDA Action / Discussion Topics / Key Questions
Staff request that the EDA have a brief discussion regarding the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance during monthly EDA meetings, and then direct staff as to whether they would like to continue or discontinue this practice. Based on this discussion and direction, staff will make updates as necessary to future EDA meeting agendas.