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To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Scott Jones, Economic Development Director

Date: April 19, 2023

RE: **March 10 to April 14 Economic Development Department activity**

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- Attended ARC/Opportunity Austin lunch with Governor Abbott at Hotel ZaZa in Austin for “State of the State” address.
 - Developed 4 planned city infrastructure Grant Project Requests and input to US Representative Greg Casar’s website 3/15.
 - Attended Legislative Webinar #2.
 - Investigating Hubspot initialization and training with IT Dept.; requested IT Dept. update.
 - Still pursuing legal update of DA and Chapter 380 Agreement from Manor City Attorney after input from Greenview Development.
 - Pursuing RFP with branding consultant Buie & Co.; property searches.
 - Status follow-up with Project List prospects; MS Teams meeting with Church’s Chicken site selection team; Zoom with Hanwha incentives team June Lee and Dave Jung, Home Depot incentives team Sarah Marich et al.
 - 109 N. Lexington at Boyce **380 Agreement approved**; groundbreaking ceremony.
 - 262 acre Drayer tract **closed sale** to Han’s Laser Technology for future EV battery manufacturing plant; planning future press release and joint planning/project meetings.
 - Hill Ln. temporary paving completed and Whole Foods Cold Storage facility planned move-in/opening end of April.
 - Met with 107 W. Boyce St. developer Yungi Jung on EIA data sheet, Elmer Fisher & associates on land development southeast off Littig, HBPO from Germany (plastic omnium modules), OnMed doc-in-box concept, US Lumber Brokers, YourHomeAway Vacation Rentals, Abacus Children’s Academy.
 - Special Council Meeting with Bickerstaff’s counsel Gregory Miller, he **established PFC** and discussed parameters for affordability;
 - Attended 2 Regular Council Meetings; 1 Called Special Session; 4 staff meetings.
 - Attended Zoom meeting on Manor sanitary sewer main discussion, one Small Business Focus Group Zoom, one Small Business Coffee w/SBDC
 - Met Greenview on Manor Commons Phase 3 twice; resolved issues.
 - Held staff Manor Apartments Discussion with Gregory Miller; held staff daycare discussion with Abacus Children’s Academy.
 - Attended SB 1419 Hearing @ State Capitol 4/5 to witness & testify; attended HB5 Hearing @ State Capitol 4/10 to witness & report.