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To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Scott Jones, Economic Development Director

Date: August 16, 2023

RE: **July 15 to August 11 Economic Development Department activity**

- Attended 3-day CSEF Conference on Public Private Partnership Development of Conference Sports and Entertainment Facilities in San Diego including educational and break-out sessions with potential developers and consultants; P3 Bootcamp; made numerous business contacts;
- Attended 2 City Council Meetings; Planning & Zoning (no quorum); 2 Staff meetings;
- Follow-up meetings with contacts from CSEF conference (Gensler, JLL, CBRE, Hunden Partners, WT Partners); need P3 advisor (like WT) and feasibility study (Hunden proposing) for sports/entertainment project; P3 could be an alternate strategy if bond election not successful for city facilities; PFC is also an alternative;
- Met w/Manor Grocery Store principal and City Manager to discuss remodel plans;
- Met w/Qwally and Scott Dunlop to review Biz101 program content: input needed;
- Met Rone Engineers re: future geotechnical needs;
- Virtual meeting with Han's Laser, City Staff, City Attorney and City Engineer to discuss development process and timeline, legal expectations and next steps; mid-2025 startup;
- Met and toured town with Opportunity Austin staff and City staff; discussed projects and available sites and buildings, upcoming projects and development underway, infrastructure plans, etc.;
- Met with Samsung regarding future cooperative business development;
- Met 5F Manufacturing principals at City Hall to discuss Bentoli Building remodel plans, process, issues and needs; set up meeting with ESD#12, City and 5F principals;
- ED Committee Lunch Meeting 8/4 at City Hall; 10 in attendance to discuss Manor ED SWOT, active and closed projects, progress reports, status, and obtain member input;
- Attended Senior Access Advisory Council transportation meeting;
- Completed budget updates; attended Council Budget Workshop;
- Met with Williamson County Economic Development regarding business recruitment;
- Hosted Opportunity Austin Business Retention & Expansion Blitz Program virtual meeting;
- Attended Chamber of Commerce monthly business luncheon.