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To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Scott Jones, Economic Development Director

Date: June 18, 2024

RE: **May 13 to June 14 Economic Development Department Activity**

- E'Styles' Rental Assistance Program incentive request on agenda: first qualified vetted request for this program considered by Council;
- Industrial, mixed use and retail economic impact studies completed and incentives agreements in negotiation; multiple ED incentive applications pending;
- Hunden partners kickoff meeting completed for E. Manor Development #1 Feasibility Study, due diligence materials being completed; site visit pending July 17;
- Downtown Strategic Planning update meeting with City Council and P&Z at City Hall June 1 with Catalyst Team regarding current status of Downtown Planning and input: plan 65% complete, TIRZ to follow Plan;
- Collected, logged, distributed to evaluators and reviewed the 5 Solid Waste & Recycling RFP responses; coordinated evaluations with consultant;
- Submitted draft 2024-2025 budget for consideration;
- Held Economic Development Committee Meeting 6/4 to review progress since last meeting, obtain input, and request suggestions for future program or process improvement;
- Attended learning sessions at Convention for Sports and Entertainment Facilities Convention in Las Vegas and made contacts with industry professionals; met with Manor landowners and developers while attending;
- Attended Avelyn Manor groundbreaking ceremony at E. Eggleston and Gregg Manor: Manor PFC's first affordable multifamily housing project;
- Teams meeting with Wonik Materials and BuildBlock (Wonik's new developer designee) regarding plans to develop its 26 acres on Old Kimbro Rd.; they are planning a big PR event this fall (likely November) to have company officials from S. Korea to Manor for a dinner and groundbreaking to announce their plans, government grants, etc. and City will coordinate the event with them;
- Teams meeting with developer interested in 244 acc. Timmermann Tract in Austin ETJ south of Manor City Limits; discussed dis-annexation/annexation process and issues; discussions with Dalfen and counsel on same Manor Downs tract issues with City of Austin, awaiting meeting between City Managers;
- Meeting with CEC regarding DOT Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program; obtained proposal for city application (requires CM action);
- Sponsored Manor Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament team and advertising;



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- Met Zalaram 52 acre property owner Dr. Ramani and broker Gay Ruggiano regarding utilities and property sale suggestions and requirements; met China Stone representatives and their client regarding search for 150 acres for an EV battery manufacturing plant with all utilities in/near Manor;
- Solicited and responded to multiple industrial, retail and mixed-use property search inquires from numerous entities;
- Attended the Manor Chamber of Commerce Lunch meeting w/Dr. Robert Sormani;
- Attended 1 Capital Project Status meeting with GBA; responded to 1 Opportunity Austin/State of Texas Economic Development Site Selection RFP we have a qualifying building for;
- Attended 2 Regular City Council Meetings, one Public Facilities Corporation Meeting, 3 City Staff Meetings.