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To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Scott Jones, Economic Development Director

Date: July 17, 2024

RE: **June 15 to July 12 Economic Development Department Activity**

- Negotiated Letter of Support for Wonik Materials \$40M technology project to be developed on 23.8 acres to be annexed into Manor City Limits; met w/Wonik rep and Mayor Harvey to discuss workforce development strategies for the 2026 project;
- TransPak's 136,000 sf brand new speculative industrial building under contract with undisclosed (NDA) buyer; seller's broker to contact me ASAP with details;
- E'Styles' Rental Assistance Program incentive request approved for first 6 months;
- Final interviews, proposal judging, coordinate legal agreement revisions and complete documentation for Council authorization of City Manager approval of Solid Waste & Recycling Proposal/Agreement for 2025;
- Completed and coordinated Services Agreement with contractor TXP for Industrial TIRZ services for Council authorization of City Manager approval;
- Ground toured E. Manor Development #1 property in advance of Hunden visit 7/17;
- Zoom call with Catalyst re: Downtown TIRZ district property boundaries and inclusion (part of Downtown Strategic Plan);
- Researched Asian business development trips in the fall available through Opportunity Austin and Asian Chamber: multiple upcoming opportunities;
- Met with Powell Strategic and Flintco re: future tech opportunities through Samsung suppliers;
- Wonik management facility tour and letter of support ceremony at City Hall;
- Met with China-Stone re: EV battery plant search: client firm is looking for a major US corporate entity to be 25% its political investor; met w/Fang Fang of Big Plan: interested in assisting China-Stone in its political maneuvers (setting up introductions);
- Preparation for Hunden Partners' on-site tours, staff meetings and stakeholder interviews on 7/17;
- Solicited and responded to industrial and retail property search inquires from several entities;
- Attended 1 Regular and 1 Special Called City Council Meeting, 4 City Staff Meetings.