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To: Mayor and City Council Members

From: Scott Jones, Economic Development Director

Date: August 21, 2024

RE: **July 13 to August 16 Economic Development Department Activity**

- Completed Wonik's Korea visit reporting to Manor Journal and Austin Business Journal; secured press release information and link to YouTube project video;
- Referred developer Todd Roazen to Development Services Department for process info; discussed future land acquisition and Fairfield Inn with Huma Patel; met and reviewed potential industrial development of 155 acres south of Parsons and commercial/retail development of portion of the 80 acre Ginsel tract with Reddy brothers;
- Responded to Opportunity Austin Project Bannister (Ryan's Quarter Crossing vacant 108K sf space); discussed future project management of city facilities with HKM;
- Toured 236 acre with Hunden Partners, met with city staff and stakeholders, conducted interviews and discussed concepts/strategies for future property development scenarios;
- Virtual meeting with BuildBlock regarding Boyce St. downtown development incentives;
- China Stone/Big Plan-Fang Fang introductory meeting to assist in political partner relationship-building for future EV battery manufacturing startup venture in Manor;
- Met with Dalfen and legal re: Austin dis-annexation requirements for Manor Downs property;
- Manor water supply meeting with Kim Keefer of Pape-Dawson to explore future Manor water resources with Manville, Aqua and others;
- Solid Waste & Recycling RFP: work and legal approval of new RFP and contract, rejection of old RFP by Council, inclusion of new terms for updated customer totals/CPI increases/residential franchise fee language, re-solicitation of all due 8/27;
- Met w/5F Mechanical to assess 900-B documentation for potential use in WWTP grant application; completed two 900-B applications from Bluebonnet Electric and WalMart;
- Reviewed and commented on Catalyst Commercial's draft Downtown Plan;
- Toured Ultra Clean Technology's new high-tech clean room manufacturing facility for the semi-conductor industry in Manor;
- Meeting with BGE on TxDOT planning of FM973 N. of US290;
- Solicited and responded to industrial and retail property search inquires from several entities; attended Manor Chamber of Commerce meeting;
- Attended 2 Regular Council Meetings, 1 PFC Meeting, 2 Budget Workshops, 3 City Staff Meetings.