



CITY OF DALLAS
Economic Development Commission
Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St.
Thursday, January 16, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.

1 **MINUTES - DRAFT**

2 Members Present: Chair Gerad Graveline, Mayor Brian Dalton, Kelly Gabliks Jackie Lawson, Glen
3 Miller, Craig Pope, Barb Powers, Jason Saunders

4 Members Absent: Terry Crawford, Rita Grady, Sarah Owre, Ken Jacroux, Jake Stamos, Nancie
5 Rogers, Paul Trahan

6 Others Present: Jim Williams, Tim Ray, Rich Wolcott, Diana Knouss, Marlene Cox

7 Staff present: City Manager Brian Latta, Economic Development Director AJ Foscoli, and
8 Recording Secretary Margie Pearce.

9 **CALL TO ORDER:**

10 Chair Gerard Graveline called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

11 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

12 The minutes of the September 19, 2019 and November 21, 2019 Economic Development Commission
13 meetings were accepted as presented.

14 **UPDATES:** –Mr. Foscoli updated the commission on Mint Valley Paper and the Opportunity Zone. Mint
15 Valley Paper has requested a one year extension on their site design review permit. The Opportunity
16 Zone has one prospective company looking to expand their business this year.

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18 **Industrial Uses Report:** There was a discussion regarding why the zoning designation was changed from
19 light and industrial to industrial only. The commissioners talked about using the Allowed Uses in the
20 Dallas Development Code, to create a list of uses not in the code that would fit in the code to entice
21 companies to check us out.

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23 **COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL VACANCIES REPORT:** Mr. Foscoli presented a printout of the vacant
24 properties in the city with the ones in the Opportunity Zone in red.

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26 **MIXED USE OVERLAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES REPORT:** A map of the LaCreole Node was
27 presented to show what a Mixed Use Node looks like. A letter from the Pro Tem Public Works Director,
28 Tom Gilson was included discussing the feasibility of sewer in the Node.

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30 **PROJECT/ACTION ORIENTED EDC:** Two projects were briefly discussed in the November meeting and
31 staff brought more information regarding a Business Welcome Packet and a Business Registry Program.
32 Sarah Owre of HomeSmart Realty volunteered to head the Business Welcome Packet subcommittee.
33 Tim Ray and Kelley Gabliks also volunteered for that subcommittee. Jackie Lawson, Jason Saunders and
34 Barb Powers volunteered but did not name which subcommittee they would be on.

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36 **ROUND TABLE:**

37 Jim Williams, from Senator Boquist's office, let the commission know that there would be two bills this
38 session to watch out for; Legislative Concept 19 (Cap & Trade) and Legislative Concept 151
39 (transportation dollars).

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41 Tim Ray from the school district stated that the new CTE Building would be breaking ground in March of
42 2020.

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44 The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.