

Economic Development Committee Meetings:

03/27/2018 - Called to order at 4:00pm. Adjourned at 4:56pm

04/03/2018 – Called to order at 4:00pm. Adjourned at 5:00pm

In attendance: Councilman Marquette, Councilman Ruse, Councilman Heban, City Law Director Heban, Mayor MacKinnon, Via Phone - Scott Polikov and Mick Granlund from O'Brien Architects

Economic Development Committee meeting was called to discuss the contract presented to the City from O'Brien Architects as it pertains to the City of Rossford's Master Planning.

- All three council members had questions pertaining to the cost of the proposal and what we can expect to see in return for our investment. Mr. Polikov and Mr. Granlund went into great detail regarding the scope of the project that includes but are not specifically limited to: What's currently in place in Rossford, market analysis, long term vision, networking, zoning, community involvement, and eliminating hurdles with developers and future users. They explained how the plan will have structure and guidelines however will also be flexible enough to be modified in case of unforeseen development possibilities and also create a platform that will eliminate challenges and upfront costs.
- Councilman Ruse requested that O'Brien give us examples of successful plans that have been implemented in communities that are similar to Rossford when they present to Council.
- Councilman Marquette had questions as to O'Brien's success rate with these types of plans. Mr Granlund and Mr Polilov responded that many projects are ongoing but answered confidently with a 90-100% success rate.
- It was discussed that this plan should specifically focus on the development of the Entertainment District and the Crossroads and the downtown area should be analyzed in order for the plan to incorporate what we have in place and the future vision as whole.
- Councilman Heban asked what the timeline is to expect this plan to be finished and implementation could begin. Approximately 9 months was answered.
- How much of this can be paid out of TIFF funds was discussed and Kevin Heban will advise.
- O'Brien will present their proposal to City Council at the April 9th meeting.

Other business:

A tax credit for new businesses within the City of Rossford was discussed. It was motioned by Marquette and seconded by Ruse to bring an ordinance to council. All ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Heban, Chairman