

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE COMMITTEE (EDZC) MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 10:00 A.M.  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Joseph Cataldo, Members: Terry Torres and Alternate Member #1, Bob DelVecchio **Also Present:** Heather McCarty, Records Retention Specialist

**Excused Absences:** Jessica Hawkins, Linda Moore and Mike Williams

**Unexcused Absence:** Garry Rooney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) February 17, 2020**

**Mr. DelVecchio made a motion to approve the February 17, 2020 minutes. Mr. Torres seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**A) Chairman**

**Mr. DelVecchio made a motion to continuing to have Mr. Cataldo as Chairman. Mr. Torres seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**B) Vice Chairman**

**Mr. DelVecchio made a motion to elect Mr. Torres as Vice Chairman. Mr. Cataldo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**A) Mr. Matt Mitts, Public Works Director, to give an update on the Lighting Project approved in the Master Plan**

## **B) Discussion of Parking in Downtown**

Mr. Cataldo said that Mr. Matt Mitts, Public Works Director, was not able to be at today's meeting, but had sent a memo with an update on these items (on file in the City Clerk's office). He pointed out that it said that the restricted parking for the Courthouse on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue was removed and restored to normal downtown public parking.

Mr. DelVecchio commented that Courthouse traffic is still using his parking lot and last week there were a couple times you could not get a space.

Mr. Cataldo pointed out that they do not use the parking garage and are not authorized to park in the Arbor Center.

Mr. DelVecchio commented that the same company that did the parking lot across from Kilted Mermaid is going to be doing the Arbor Center parking lot. He said they are putting in trees and beautifying it. He thinks it is going to cost the same at \$4 an hour.

Mr. DelVecchio said that the Courthouse is the issue. He added they do need to provide lighting because people are afraid to walk that far in the dark. He felt that should be one of the first things they do. Also, the sidewalk is broken there in places and dangerous to walk on.

Mr. Cataldo brought up having grants for business owners to get lights installed and then having the maintenance the owners' responsibility after installation.

Mr. DelVecchio talked about the homeless problem at the Park.

Mr. Torres felt that the Park should be closed at night and everyone made to leave. He added that they are working hard to revitalize downtown and having that issue is a real turn-off. Mr. DelVecchio said he does not understand why the Police Department can't do anything.

The Committee requested that they add to their next agenda a discussion about the closing of the Park at night and asking the Police if they could enforce that and to invite Chief Dave Currey to attend the meeting.

Mr. DelVecchio wanted to let them know that Mrs. Suzy Feeney has passed away. He commented that her civic commitment was second to none and that she fought hard for a lot of things. He added that there were no local services planned.

Mr. Cataldo commented that hopefully what she started will be the inspiration to keep it going.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

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