



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

6:00 to 8:00 PM

City Hall – Lower Conference Room

Attendees:

Martin Macisso - District 3
Steve Bushey – At-large
John Schwartzman – At-Large

Bob O'Brien - Business
Craig Gorris - Business

Jon Jennings – Assistant City Manager

Absent:

Dave Owen - District 1
Sergio Gadder – District 2
Peter Stocks – District 4
William Collins – District 5

Ed Palmer - Business
Mike Vaillancourt - Business

1. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2014 (5-0)
2. Guest Speaker: John Spritz, Manager, Growing Portland

Mr. Spritz briefed the committee on the work of Growing Portland. He discussed a collaborative effort to grow the regional economy. His organization is looking at a 5-10 year effort. Main focus is healthcare, IT and life sciences for future job growth for the regional economy. Discussed the need to bring more students to the region with events such as summer camps that promote job skills and life experiences.

3. Economic Development Plan

Jon Jennings updated the Committee on the proposed Economic Development Plan for the City.

4. Other

- The Committee was updated on the Nissan and CMP grant that allows the City to install a DC Fast Charging Unit and Level 2 unit at the Community Center for electric vehicles. There was enthusiasm from the committee that the City is taking the lead to develop the infrastructure needed for greater use of EV's.
- The Committee was updated about the progress of the Growth TIF and next steps.

Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Cordially,

Jon P. Jennings
Assistant City Manager