

Committee Members

Mayor Joe Stear	Mike Smith
Lisa Bachman	Blake Watson
David Gronbeck	Vacant
Ana Paz	City Staff:
Julie Roberts	Wendy Howell
Randy Shroll	Chris Engels



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Kuna City Hall Conference Room, 751 W 4th Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634

Kuna Economic Development Committee AGENDA

Thursday, June 1, 2017
12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

1. Discussion on job description for Economic Development employee.

Mayor Stear suggested presenting to City Council to hire a fulltime economic development professional.

Committee Member Smith supported the idea, because Kuna was larger than Mountain Home, and they had two full time professionals there.

Mayor Stear was concerned about making the right contacts with people who can build relationships and know what was available for potential businesses.

Committee Member Paz asked if the position would be under Planning & Zoning Director Wendy Howell.

Mayor Stear said the position would remain under Ms. Howell so that there would not be the creation of a new director.

The committee continued to support moving forward with an Economic Development position.

2. Discussion on itemized budget and corresponding requested amounts.

Mayor Stear pulled some numbers for the new budget for the new potential employee. As an example, he shared a salary of \$50,000.00 would cost the city close to \$66,325.00.

Ms. Howell thought the salary should begin around \$45,000.00 depending on experience.

Committee Member Smith suggested hiring the new economic development position on a yearly renewable contract. They would receive all the benefits of a regular city employee, but the renewal of their contract would be based on performance.

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Ms. Howell agreed that performance based criteria would be necessary, and suggested that a caveat be in place in the job description that continuation in the position would be based on performance, attitude, etc.

Mayor Stear suggested coming in with a budget of around \$100,000.00 in order to account for the employees pay, travel and other items associated with the businesses. He was ideally aiming for someone to come in October 1, 2017.

3. *Discussion on having a committee member present to council for budget.*

Committee Member Smith would present how important an economic development employee would be with all the competing cities around us to City Council.

4. *Discussion on adding 2 new members.*

Mayor Stear introduced two new potential members for the Economic Development Committee, Casey Grant, a realtor from Silver Creek Reality Group, and Kara Medrano, Branch Manager for Bank of the Cascades.

Committee Member Smith suggested to not fill the last position and instead invite a different influential community member each time, whether it be a landowner, banker, realtor, etc. He believed it would present the Committee with a lot of experience from people of different backgrounds.

Committee Member Gronbeck agreed that this was a great idea.

Mayor Stear agreed and suggested that there was potential to put both new people on the committee and still invite a different person each week.

Mayor Stear called for a motion to approve the two new Committee Members.

Committee Member Smith motioned to approve the two new Committee Members. Seconded by Committee Member Gronbeck. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjournment: 1:02 PM