



Jobs and Economic Opportunities Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2018 at 2:00 PM

**I. OPENING AND CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Jobs and Economic Opportunities Committee (JEOC) was called to order at 2:05 PM on December 5, 2018 at the Pasco County Utilities Administrative Offices located at 19420 Central Blvd., Land O’Lakes, FL 34637, Cotee Room.

**II. PRESENT**

Members: Ralph Acton, Martin Tschiderer, Kurt Conover, Jay Michlin, Michael Davis, David Key, Michael Mauger

**ALSO PRESENT**

County Staff: David Engel, Troy Jackson, Viki LaVerde, Esther Oluyemi

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Mr. Engel provided an status report regarding the Jobs and Economic Opportunity Trust Fund revenue projections, expenditures, and approved project and program encumbrances. The Committee discussed the spreadsheet in their meeting packet identifying all approved “Penny-for-Pasco” incentive projects and programs including expenditure projections through 2025. Mr. Engel reviewed a comprehensive breakdown of the approved “Penny-for-Pasco projects by types of incentives being offered.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Board of County Commissioner recently approved “Penny-for-Pasco” programs were summarized and discussed including the CareerSource Workforce Re-Entry, and the modified and extended Pasco EDC Programs. Mr. Engel highlighted the new Pasco Pipeline 3-year Pilot Program designed to match employers with local labor force.
- b. County staff updated the Committee regarding the rollout of the Redevelopment Loan Program. Program goals were discussed and the Harbors Market Area was identified to be the pilot for this new program. The Project Coordinator, Troy Jackson, reported to the Committee that he has visited over sixty businesses along Route 19, and discussed business feedback and challenges along the corridor. The Committee expressed their



approval as to how Mr. Jackson has taken the initiative to assist business owners dealing with vagrancy issues. The Committee discussed the serious homeless challenges in the Harbors. Staff provided an overview of the Program's first loan application at the Point Distillery in New Port Richey.

- c. Mr. Engel updated the Committee regarding the Overpass Business Park Site Ready project including site engineering, wetlands approval and FDOT coordination regarding the Overpass/I-75 Interchange. Staff and the Committee discussed the upcoming Urban Land Institute Technical Advisory Panel initiative.
- d. Staff updated the Committee regarding the new project pipeline. Additionally, Mr. Engel updated the Committee regarding Office of Economic Growth research initiatives including a comparison study of Pasco incentives relative to other Florida counties. Staff briefed the Committee regarding the acute shortage of workforce housing.

**VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER TOPICS AND DISCUSSION**

- a. The Committee continued its discussion regarding business issues posed by increasing vagrancy.
- b. The Committee directed Mr. Engel to request that the Pasco EDC include the Committee for any ribbon-cutting events that are funded through the Jobs and Economic Opportunity Trust Fund.
- c. The Committee requested that Mr. Engel contact the Development Services Media Coordinator and request that she prepare a brief video describing the role of the JEOC to be accessible using a hyperlink on the Committee's webpage.

Next Meeting: The JEOC discussed their next meeting and unanimously agreed that the next meeting would be conducted on March 6, 2019 at 2:00 PM located at the Pasco County Utilities Administration Building, 19420 Central Blvd., Land O Lakes, FL 34637. The Committee directed Staff to establish quarterly JEOC meetings for the entire calendar year.

Adjournment: Meeting ended at 3:15 PM