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**May 14, 2025,
McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council
Regular Meeting**

**3:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting
McMinnville, Oregon**

Members Present: Carson Benner, Trena McManus, Chris Chenoweth, Dani Chisholm, Peter Kircher, and Lori Robertson.

Members Absent: Meg Ordaz, John Dietz, Diana Riggs, Paul Davis, and Mike Morris.

Staff Present: David Berniker – Planning Manager, Tom Schauer – Senior Planner, and Jody Christensen – Special Projects Manager

Others Present: Kit Johnston – Yamhill County Commissioner

1. Call to Order / Introductions

Chair Benner called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Minutes

- May 8, 2024
- July 10, 2024
- August 14, 2024
- September 11, 2024
- November 13, 2024

Chair Benner confirmed no action could be taken due to lack of a quorum.

3. Discussion Items

A. 8212 Grant Status Report and Lessons Learned

Special Projects Manager Christensen noted Councilors were provided a memorandum with a full update and background of all the projects, work done to date, reports and data included in the 8212 McMinnville Business Recovery and Resiliency Plan. She gave a slideshow presentation reviewing the background of the Plan and its funding requirements,

goals, and objectives, the progress made towards accomplishing the goals, notable accomplishments and outcomes, and key takeaways.

Questions and comments were addressed regarding the businesses that received loans and grants, apprentice and workforce training programs, other economic development grant opportunities, leveraging the success of the Business Recovery and Resiliency Plan, and funding for the Third Street Improvement Project.

B. Yamhill County move to Oregon Mutual Insurance (OMI) building.

County Commissioner Johnson provided details of Yamhill County's purchase of the Yamhill County Campus Building from OMI, the County's current use of the building, plans to move more County departments into the building soon, and plans for the vacant office spaces.

Discussion regarding how the Commission would consider any proposed purchases or development of the vacant office spaces, other County properties that would be sold, and plans for the fairground property

4. Updates

A. Innovation Campus

Special Projects Manager Christensen updated on the City's work with the Innovation Campus property owners, community outreach efforts, marketing and branding, and design and development standards.

B. Legislative Priorities

Special Projects Manager Christensen provided a brief update on two projects put forward for consideration regarding lottery bill SB 5531, the revenue forecast, and the Alpine Avenue Project.

5. Rumor Mill

Committee Member Ordaz provided an update on the upcoming parade on Third Street and work being done in the Taylor Dale Building.

Discussion regarding the City's efforts to begin negotiations with the Palindrome regarding the RB Rubber property, sidewalk replacement on Third Street, the Mack Theater, and the vacation rentals on the corner of Cows and Third.

6. Citizen Comments

None

7. Committee Member Comments

None.

6. Staff Comments

Planning Manager Berniker apologized for the technical difficulties and getting this documents distributed to everyone who needed it. He also reported on efforts to identify and evaluate land use efficiencies.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.