



**ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 21, 2025
7:30 a.m.
200 Old Bernal Avenue, Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 7:35 a.m. by EVC Chair Brian Wilson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Brian Wilson, Vice Chair Steve McCoy-Thompson, Josh Chanin, Ken Benhamou, Davinder Channon, Igor Leonov, Pravin Venketsamy

Absent: Paresh Hule, Gavin Shea

City staff: Economic Development Manager Lisa Adamos, Deputy Director of Community Development/Planning & Permit Center Manager Melinda Denis

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None were noted.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the Consent Calendar which included April 17, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as presented on motion by Ken Benhamou and second by Vice Chair Steve McCoy Thompson. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Wilson opened public comment. Jack Balch provided comments as a resident and as mayor which included appreciation of the committee and encouragement to consider ways to invigorate the business environment. Chair Wilson closed public comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER MATTERS

2. Receive i-Gate Innovation Hub Annual Report Presentation and Make Recommendation for Women’s Health Series City Support

i-Gate Innovation Hub Executive Director Yolanda Fintschenko provided an overview of the organization’s annual report which included several initiatives to promote and grow the region’s startup ecosystem. Ms. Fintschenko also provided information on the recent Women’s Health Series and future plans which will focus on driving awareness, innovation, and policy change for women’s health.

Chair Wilson opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Wilson closed public comment.

The committee provided feedback on the information presented and asked clarifying questions. A motion for the City to provide support either financial or in-kind, for proposed quarterly events the Tri-Valley Women's Health Series and raise awareness in 2026 was made by Vice Chair McCoy-Thompson and seconded by Josh Chanin. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Receive Hacienda Presentation

Hacienda General Manager James Paxson provided an overview of Hacienda activity, which included tenant highlights, trends, and development activity.

Chair Wilson opened public comment. There were no public comments. Chair Wilson closed public comment.

The committee provided feedback on the information presented and asked clarifying questions. No action was taken by the committee.

4. Receive Economic Development Information/Updates

Economic Development Manager Lisa Adamos noted upcoming business meetings and events including the Tri-Valley AI Summit and State of the Tri-Valley.

MATTERS INITIATED BY ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE

Vice Chair McCoy-Thompson inquired about the committee's role in gathering information from the community with respect to the industries each member represents and bringing feedback back to the committee on economic development-related items. Davinder Channon asked about community safety given the recent retail thefts in the region.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.