



ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**June 18, 2026
7:30 a.m.
200 Old Bernal Avenue, Council Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Meeting called to order at 7:33 a.m. by EVC Chair Ken Benhamou followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ken Benhamou, Gavin Shea, Igor Leonov, Steve McCoy-Thompson, Brian Wilson, Davinder Channon

Absent: Paresh Hule, Pravin Venketsamy

City staff: Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development, Melinda Denis and Economic Development Manager, Abraham Salinas

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of April 16, 2026, meeting minutes were approved on motion by McCoy-Thompson and second by Shea. Committee member Wilson abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER MATTERS

2. Receive the Draft 2026-2027 Business Outreach Strategy.

Economic Development Manager Salinas provided a presentation and overview of the Draft 2026-2027 Business Outreach Strategy.

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

Committee members provided comments to staff on the Draft 2026-2027 Business Outreach Strategy.

No formal action was taken by the Committee and Economic Development Manager Salinas stated the Final Business Outreach Strategy will be presented at a future EVC meeting.

3. Receive Economic Development Information/Updates

Deputy Director Denis provided the Economic Development information and updates.

MATTERS INITIATED BY ECONOMIC VITALITY COMMITTEE

Committee member Channon asked for an update on the building at 725 Main Street.

Committee member Leonov recommended city staff organize a roundtable discussion.

Committee Member McCoy-Thompson recommended asked how city staff is incorporating the use of AI into everyday work solutions.

Chair Benhamou recommended we evaluate our failures and learn from our mistakes when attracting new businesses to town.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 a.m.