

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Economic Development

AGENDA DATE: June 21, 2011

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Ernesto Gamboa, Deputy Director 541-4670

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Formal report of the Economic Development, Planning and Tourism Legislative Review Committee meeting held on June 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. as submitted by City Representative Steve Ortega, Chair.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Report to the Mayor and Council of the Economic Development, Planning and Tourism Legislative Review Committee meeting held on June 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____



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LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Action Report

Committee: Economic Development, Planning & Tourism

Members: City Representative Ann Lilly
City Representative Susie Byrd
City Representative Beto O'Rourke
City Representative Steve Ortega (Chair)
City Representative Emma Acosta

Date of Meeting: June 9, 2011

- I. Discussion and action on the Hub of Human Innovation Inc. grant funding request for a Hub and Clean Energy Incubator program, a Proof of Concept program, a Certification Center and Odyssey program as detailed in the Hub of Innovation's Proposal to the City of El Paso for activities over a four year periods in the amount of \$2,305,000.00.

Summary:

Presentation given by Gary Williams from UTEP on possible City funding for entrepreneurship incubation activities. Representative Byrd proposed that an annual review of activities be stipulated in possible contract.

Action Taken:

The LRC unanimously approved that item be brought forward to City Council.

- II. Discussion and action on regulating the placement of signs on City of El Paso right of Way.

Summary:

Overview by Mathew McElroy, Planning and Economic Development Department, on possible enforcement of permit display requirement on signs on right of way streets. Representative Acosta detailed current complaints from community on signage on Gateway East and Viscount.

Action Taken:

The LRC voted 4-1 to only permit the posting of signs in the right-of-way with a permit.

- III. Discussion and action on terms, conditions, and requirements for City approval of the extension of the City's waiver of PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) fees from the Housing Authority of the City of El Paso (HACEP) pursuant to the parties' Cooperation Agreement as amended.

Summary:

Presentation given by Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, Financial Services, on the item. Comments made to have LEED and Smartgrowth projects incorporated. Comments on the possible continuation of fund disbursement to the YMCA for childcare, for the first 5 years and after directed to capital projects, beginning 2018 and ending 2023.

Action Taken:

The LRC approves unanimously to take no action and maintain the current contract.

SUBMITTED BY:



City Representative Steve Ortega, District 7
Chair, Economic Development, Planning & Tourism LRC



Ernesto Gamboa, Deputy Director of Economic Development
Planning and Economic Development Department