RESOLUTION NO. 2015-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO BE ADVISORY TO THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Albany City Council has expressed a strong interest in promoting vital and inviting business areas and advancing economic development as identified in the City Council’s 2015 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee shall serve as an advisory body to the City Council on the topic of economic development, focusing on general trends, issues and governmental processes in an attempt to identify opportunities to assist and promote economic vitality in the City, including opportunities for innovative infill projects to further revitalize the City’s commercial sector and promote walkability within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee is tasked with assessing the current and ongoing business climate in the City of Albany and submitting recommendations to the City Council intended to maintain a strong economic base in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee will serve to further the engagement between the City of Albany, the commercial business sector, and the community by providing opportunities for collaboration on important local economic development matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby establishes an Economic Development Committee to advise the City Council on matters related to promoting vital and inviting business areas and advancing economic development within the City.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) Committee Members appointed by the Albany City Council in accordance with Section 3.23 of the Albany City Charter and Exhibit A to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall adhere to all established policy and procedures as adopted by the City Council, and act in accordance with Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code Section 54950 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council shall retain the authority to modify the composition, appointment process, scope, and/or transition or sunset the Committee if deemed appropriate in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall report back to the Council one year after the Committee begins meeting to present recent accomplishments and an updated work plan for review by the City Council.

PETER MAASS, MAYOR
VISION:
To advance economic development and vitality within the City of Albany.

PURPOSE:
The purpose of the Economic Development Committee shall be to advise the City Council on matters related to promoting vital and inviting business areas and advancing economic development within the City. The Committee shall assess the current and ongoing business climate in the City and submit recommendations to the City Council intended to maintain a strong economic base in the City.

The Committee will focus on general trends, issues and governmental processes in an attempt to identify opportunities to assist and promote economic vitality in the City of Albany. The Committee will work towards implementing items identified within the City Council Strategic Plan with regard to promoting vital & inviting business areas and advancing economic development. The Committee will work in coordination with other business associations including the Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Solano Avenue Association to support business retention.

COMPOSITION:
7 Members appointed by the City Council as follows. Appointees representing local business owners/employees/business organizations need not be residents of the City of Albany for this particular Committee:

- Chamber of Commerce Representative (1)
- Solano Avenue Association Representative (1)
- Albany business owner/employee, representing the overall business mixture in Albany (retail/service/restaurant; professional services; non-profit organization; light industrial) (3)
- Residents (preferably with professional experience in economic development or a closely related field) (2)

APPOINTMENT PROCESS:
Individuals meeting the above criteria must submit an application for consideration by the City Council. The Chamber of Commerce and Solano Avenue Association shall provide a written recommendation regarding representative from their respective organizations to serve on the Committee. The City Council shall make appointments to the Committee by majority vote of the Council. The composition of the Committee may require flexibility with regard to the local business owners/residents depending on applications received.

TERM:
Terms shall comply with the City Charter with terms lasting until the next general municipal election, except that appointees shall serve for an interim term of up to forty-five (45) days after certification of the election until reappointed or replaced, whichever is sooner.

MEETINGS:
Regular meetings shall be held monthly during regular business hours. Special study sessions and/or work sessions may also be held.
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,
the 6th day of July, 2015, by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members McQuaid, Nason, Pilch, and Mayor Maass

NOES: none

ABSENT: Council Member Barnes

ABSTAINED: none

RECUSED: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this 7th
day of July, 2015.

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK