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Economic Development Advisory
Board

May 14, 2020

AGENDA

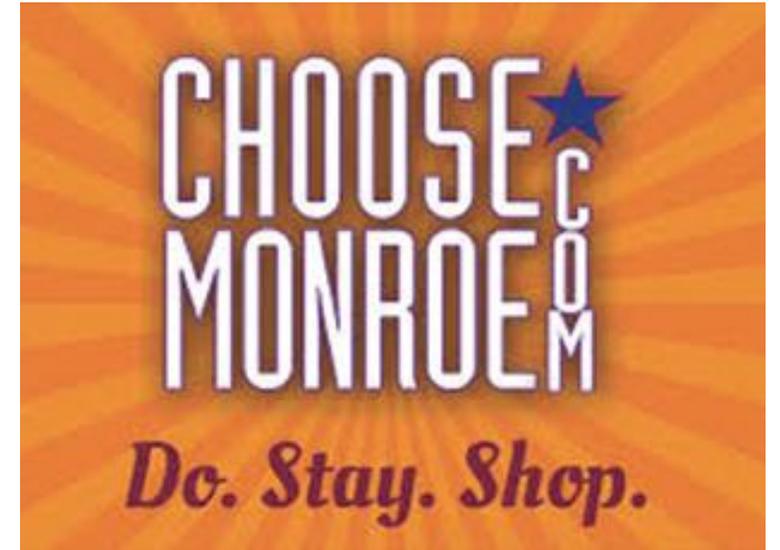
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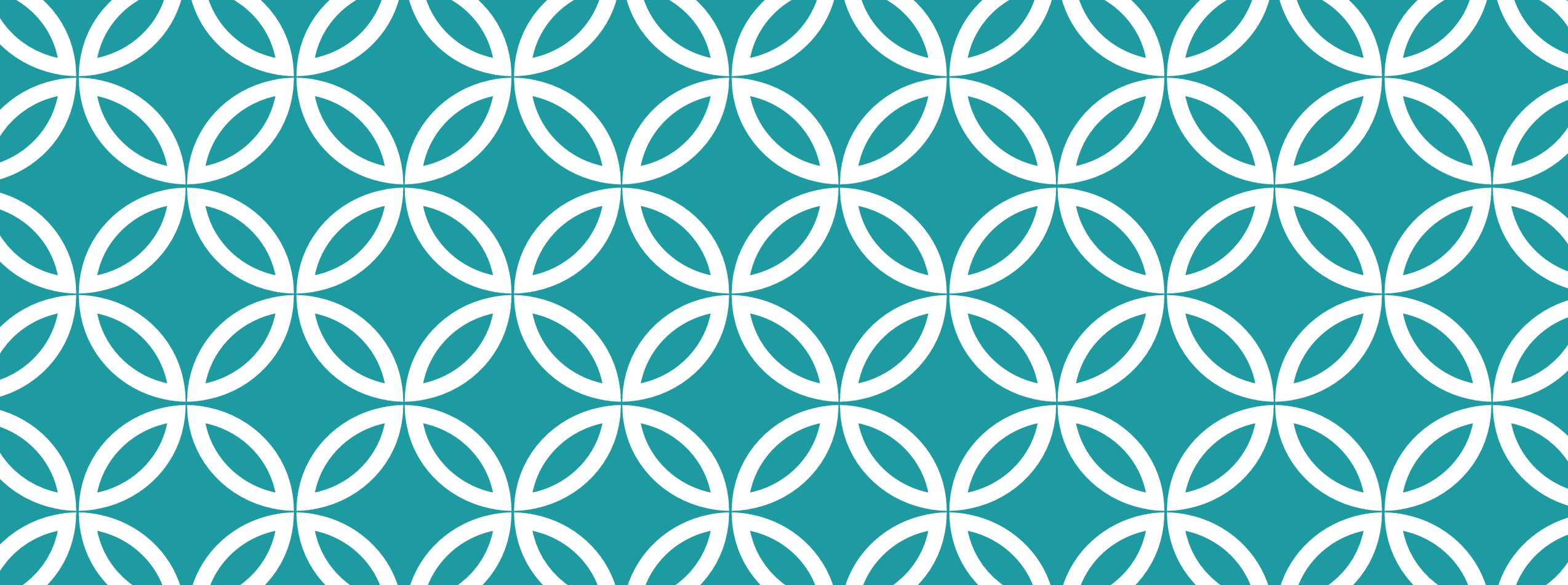
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APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER

The May 7, 2020 Monroe Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m.; Zoom Meeting Platform.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Allan Dye, Sally King, Liz Nugent, Bridgette Tuttle, Katy Woods; and ex-officio members Janelle Drews and Jim Watt

Staff present: Deborah Knight, James Palmer, Rich Huebner and Ben Swanson

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board member Liz Nugent made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Board member Allan Dye. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES

Ms. King inquired about the status of the Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grants. Mr. Palmer stated that 119 applications were scored utilizing the Economic Alliance Snohomish County scoring criteria, and at the conclusion of the scoring process, six applications, representing a cross-section of Monroe business industries and districts were, submitted to EASC.

Ms. Woods commented that with recent federal legislation providing additional funding to the Paycheck Protection Program, processing applications for this program has been a significant focus of her work recently. Mr. Palmer inquired if Coastal Community Bank had received any guidance or distribution information from the Small Business Administration. Ms. Woods commented that while no such information was received, Coastal Community Bank has submitted over 100 applications from Monroe and Sultan small businesses, and has only been unable to help two prospective applicants thus far. Ms. Woods commented that completed Schedule C forms continue to be required for all applicants.

Mr. Dye commented that his Paycheck Protection Program application was approved to assist his business in maintaining its current payroll. Mr. Dye commented that he did have to revise his documentation multiple times, and applicants not being approved may not be providing all required information.

Ms. Tuttle commented that the application experience may vary for applicants depending on their financial institution. Ms. Tuttle submitted her Paycheck Protection Program application through and with the assistance of Coastal Community Bank, and she the found process to be relatively smooth; her paperwork was completed and submitted in approximately five days.

Ms. Tuttle commented she has not heard any response on her Economic Injury Disaster Loan application, and that she has heard anecdotally that no notification is given, recipients simply receive funds.

Ms. Tuttle commented there has been either miscommunication or misunderstanding of the governor's updated orders, as she had three different groups visit Monroe Pizza and Pints and ask to be seated, under the belief that restaurants and bars had been reopened.

Ms. Tuttle commented that as the shutdown continues, and as businesses are allowed to open at varying phases, that she anticipates the issue of enforcement of the governor's will arise.

Ms. Nugent commented that she is beginning to see Paycheck Protection Program applications approved, and the applications being approved in the current cycle include a larger variety of business types. Ms. Nugent echoed Ms. Tuttle's comments regarding lack of notification when funds are deposited, and that the title of the transaction does not offer any additional clarification.

Ms. Nugent commented that the resumption of construction activities has been an issue in communities that do not have inspectors back on active duty, and that while projects with a certain number of on-site employees must be COVID certified, the certification program has not opened yet.

Ms. Nugent complimented Monroe's first responders for their proactive community engagement throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Swanson commented that under the original Stay Home/Stay Healthy Order, there was significant confusion of what businesses were considered "essential". Mr. Swanson commented that subsequent orders have allowed for the resumption of construction projects that were "existing" prior to the economic shutdown, with "existing" being defined as a contract having been signed prior to the commencement of the shutdown. In response to a question from Ms. Tuttle, Mr. Swanson confirmed that the City has all necessary equipment to conduct inspections in compliance with COVID-related safety plans, and that his current understanding is the state has resumed electrical inspections.

Ms. Drews commented that the Monroe Chamber of Commerce board decided on Tuesday, May 5 to cancel Music in the Park and the Monroe Fair Days Parade, with a press release announcing the cancellations planned for the next day. Ms. Drews commented that the Farmers Market will resume on a weekly basis and will be hosted by Galaxy Theatres in its parking lot; essential businesses will be welcomed at the Farmers Market regardless of Chamber membership status, and restaurants will be welcome to offer curbside service.

Ms. Drews commented that Light Up Monroe is still anticipated to occur as scheduled, and that the Chamber is in the planning process for a Holiday Market that will feature craft businesses which will be unable to participate in the Farmers Market due to their "non-essential" status.

In response to a question from Ms. King, Ms. Drews commented that the Chamber had 10 membership renewals and welcomed two new members in April.

Mr. Watt commented that he has also heard confusion from businesses regarding their status on applications for the Paycheck Protection Program and other assistance programs. Mr. Watt commented that he is traversing the downtown area regularly in the early morning hours, and that he is in regular contact with the Main Street America organization and colleagues across the state to develop post-virus recovery plans.

OLD BUSINESS

A. WWSBE Grant Applications

Mr. Palmer shared that a scoring committee consisting of himself, Ms. Knight, Mr. Huebner, Ms. King and Ms. Nugent reviewed 119 applications received from businesses within the city limits. The applications were scored based on a set of criteria applied by the Economic Alliance Snohomish County, and six applications were submitted.

Ms. Knight commented that the six applications submitted were selected from amongst those scoring the highest on the EASC's criteria, and that final selections were made with a Monroe-focused approach, identifying core industries and ensuring representation from multiple districts, including Main Street, the Fryelands industrial area and North Kelsey. Mr. Palmer commented that the six applicants represented two restaurants, a manufacturer, a retailer, a construction firm and a personal services firm.

Mr. Palmer commented that he expects awardees will receive notification in June.

Ms. Knight thanked the members of the scoring committee.

B. City Economic Stimulus

Mr. Huebner shared an updated on staff review of the Advisory Board's economic stimulus recommendations. The finance department identified potential issues with limiting a utility late fee waiver to commercial accounts due to both mixed-use (commercial and residential) buildings in the city, as well as commercial buildings with one meter with the property owner as the utility customer rather than the individual business owners. Due to these considerations, staff will be recommending to the City Council that, if the program is implemented, it be enacted city-wide to all utility accounts.

Discussion ensued and Advisory Board members expressed support for this recommendation as such application would benefit both employers and residents who have experienced employment reduction or loss during the pandemic.

Mr. Huebner commented that the May 5 City Council meeting was cancelled due to lack of updated Open Public Meetings Act guidance from the governor's office, so the City Economic Stimulus proposals will be discussed by the City Council at its May 12 meeting.

C. Wayfinding Signs

Ms. Knight shared images of the final five preliminary gateway sign designs. Ms. Knight commented that staff and EDAB members were invited to provide comments on the designs, which consultant Tangram Design will utilize to further refine and narrow to two final design concepts; Tangram's final document with the two design concepts will include recommendations for soliciting public feedback of the concepts.

Ms. Knight commented that there was no clear consensus among the responses, and that multiple comments expressed appreciation for elements of different concepts. Discussion ensued and consensus was established among members in favor of the solid mountain design of concept 2A, with members otherwise expressing appreciation for other elements of the different concepts.

NEW BUSINESS**A. New Federal Stimulus Funding**

Mr. Palmer provided an update on the passage of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. The legislation dedicated an additional \$310 billion to the Paycheck Protection Program, including \$250 billion to traditional lenders, \$30 billion to smaller lending institutions, and \$30 billion to community lending institutions. For the full value of the allocation, a focus is to ensure funding availability to small businesses. An additional \$60 billion was also dedicated to the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

B. Town Hall Meeting Agenda

Mr. Palmer provided details on the planned agenda for the Town Hall meeting scheduled for May 7. The meeting will provide an update on the current status of Federal and State funding assistance programs for small businesses and the handling of unemployment claims by the State's Unemployment Security Department, with the remainder of the presentation focused on the governor's plans for a phased reopening of the state's economy.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Deborah Knight, City Administrator

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/UPDATES



Janelle Drews
Sally King

Tourism

Geofencing
Tourism Data
Choose Monroe
LTAC Funding Priorities
Wayfinding/Gateway Signs



Mike Buse
Allen Dye
Katy Woods

Business Recruitment

North Kelsey (Tjerne Place)
Recruitment Strategies
ED Webpage Update
Data
Business Survey
Small Business Development
Workforce Development



Bridgette Tuttle
Meghan Wirsching

Growth & Development

Vision 2050
Zoning
Land Use
Infrastructure
ED Element Comp Plan
Growth Management Act
Airport Zone

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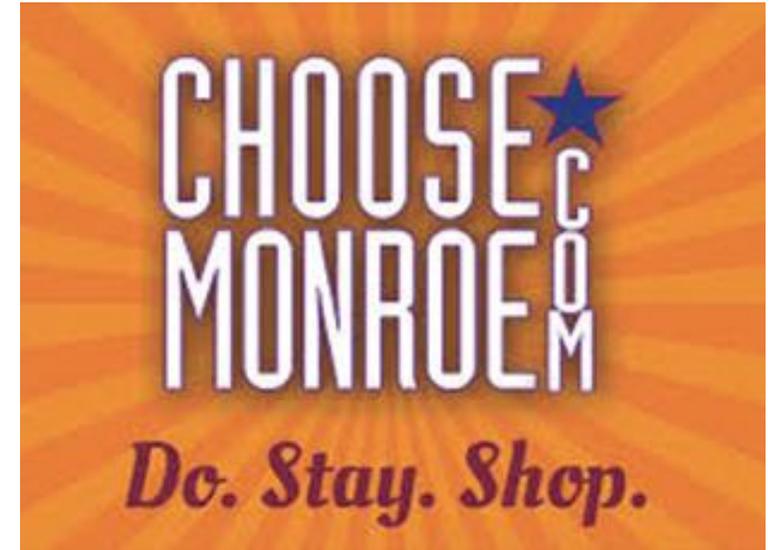
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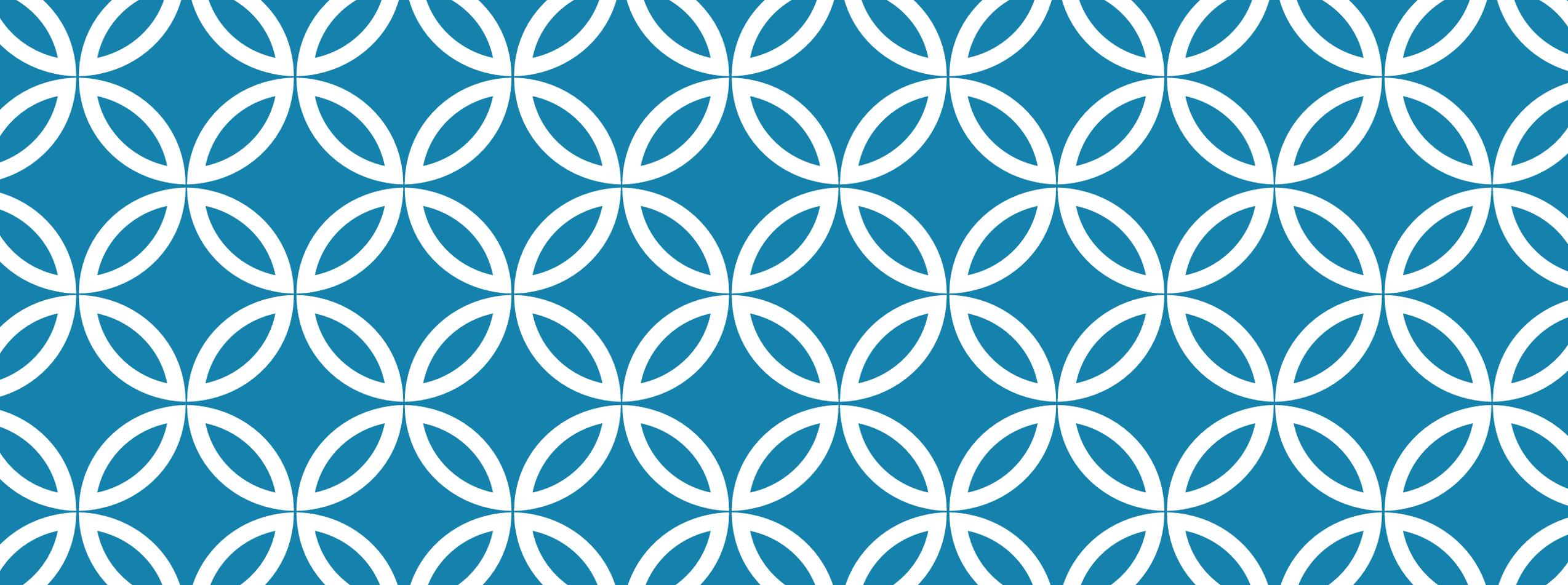
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TOWN HALL RECAP

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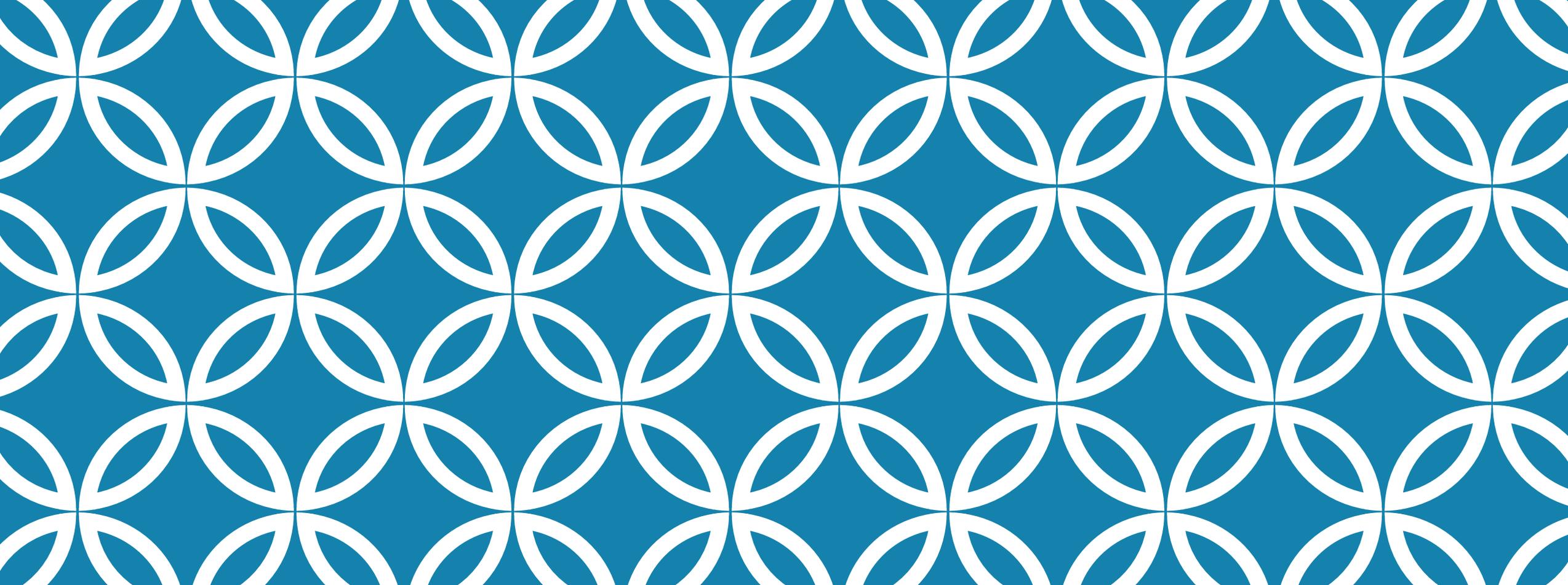
TOWN HALL MEETING AGENDA

- ❑ Topics Discussed:
 - ❑ Recent Federal Stimulus
 - ❑ Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant
 - ❑ Unemployment Security Department handling of claims
 - ❑ Phased economic re-opening
- ❑ Recording available on City's Economic Development page
- ❑ monroewa.gov/87/Economic-Development



**New Covid Relief Package
(Covid 3.5)**





CITY ECONOMIC STIMULUS UPDATE

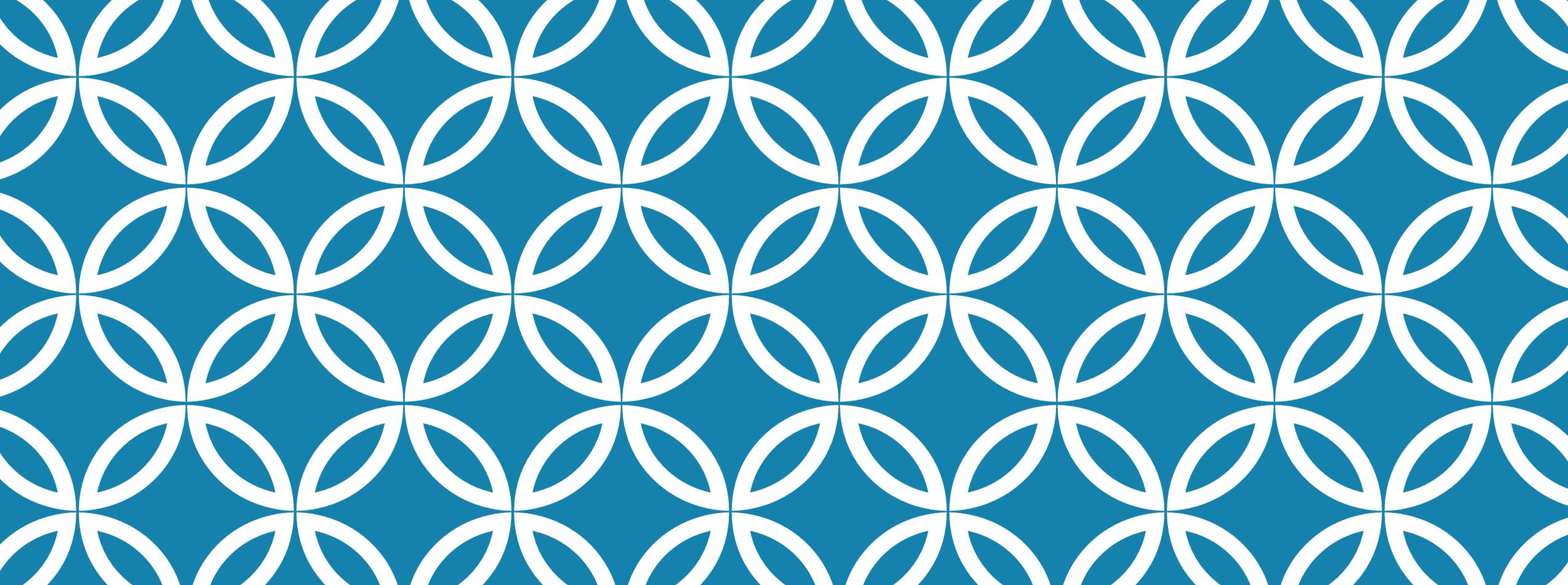
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CITY ECONOMIC STIMULUS UPDATE

- ❑ Discussed at May 12 City Council Meeting
- ❑ Fully supportive of Staff Gift Card and Utility Late Fee Waiver proposals.
- ❑ Supportive of continuing mandatory solid waste disposal waiver through duration of emergency order.
 - ❑ Disposal resumes as businesses reopen.
- ❑ Requested staff determine current status of Governor's orders regarding commercial evictions.





WEBSITE UPDATES

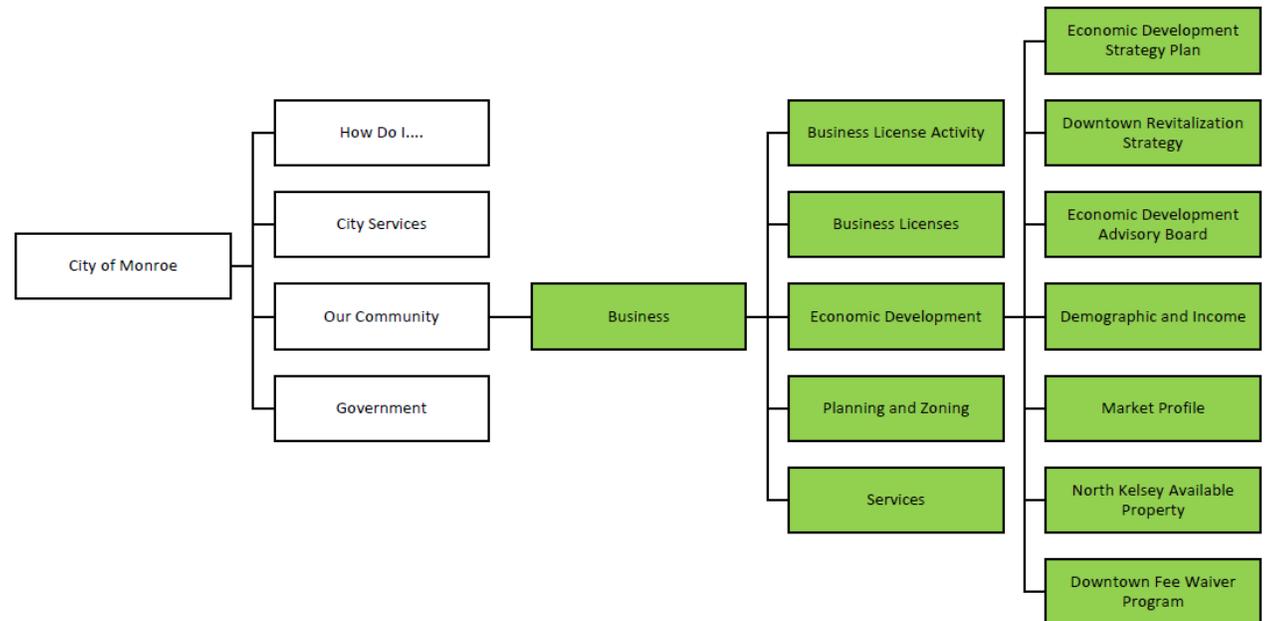
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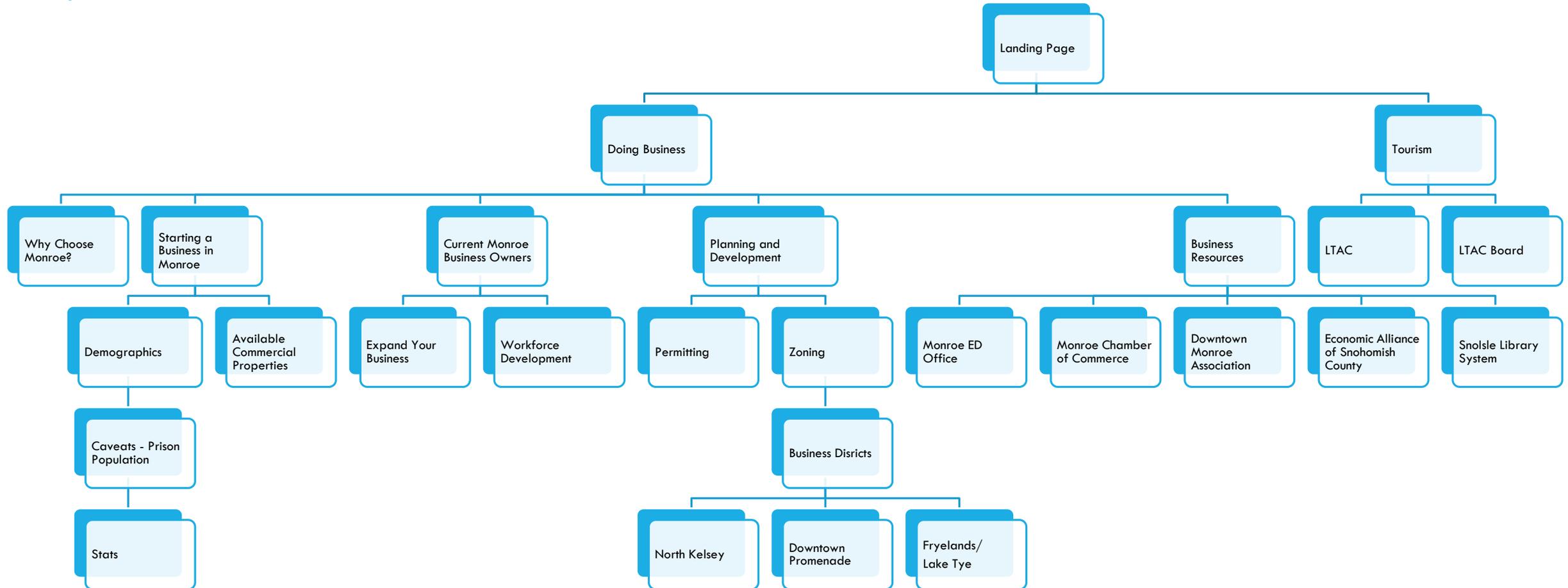
RECOMMENDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE CATEGORIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITES – CITY OF MONROE AND REGIONAL CITY COMPARISON

- Start a business
- Grow or Relocate Your Business
- Incentives
- Business Districts
- Maps, Market Research and Data
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- Partners and Resources
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WEBPAGE CONTENT PROPOSAL





Business Incubator
Airport Building
Opportunity Zone



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Economic Development

The **mission** of the Ellensburg Business Development Authority is to strategically recruit and support businesses; and to connect businesses to resources so they can start, grow, and prosper.

Our **vision**: Ellensburg is vibrant and prosperous with a local economy that values its history and natural beauty.



Contact Us

For more information about economic development in Ellensburg, contact Carolyn Honeycutt, Economic Development Manager

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Learn more about the nine member governing board of the [Ellensburg Business Development Authority](#).

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Annapolis' combination of rich history and maritime charm make it an appealing place to live and the perfect destination for visitors. Businesses could not make a better choice.



Come Thrive in Annapolis

Annapolis has been welcoming visitors for more than 300 years, and it remains a wonderful place to live, raise a family, work and establish a business. An estimated 4 million visitors annually indulge in our historic architecture, world-renowned cuisine, thriving maritime amenities and diverse cultural arts activities. Whether you come for the history, education, water or hospitality, there is always

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Tue May 28

[Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs: Federal Contracting 101](#)

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Central Marysville ▶

Demographics

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Economic Development

Ebey Waterfront Request for Qualifications

The City of Marysville invites interested and qualified parties to submit [Statements of Qualifications](#) for the phased development of housing and retail sites at the Ebey Waterfront in downtown Marysville.

Marysville offers key business advantages for locating business here

Ideally situated between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., this business-friendly community was the fastest growing city in





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Buildings For Lease



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Take Your Piece of Loudoun Home
Farms are essential to Loudoun's identity as a great place to live, work, play and visit. But they can't survive without support.



Celebrate the Growing Season by Visiting Loudoun Farms
This free, self-guided tour will happen rain or shine and puts farms in the limelight at the start of the growing season.



Tap Loudoun's Top Resources During Small Business Week
Your business future is in focus during the eighth annual Loudoun Small Business Week, which runs May 6-10 and coincides with National Small Business Week and National Economic Development Week.

Available Commercial Space

Bid Opportunities

Business Directory

Chamber of Commerce

Municipal Code

Starting a Business

Zoning Map (PDF)

Home > Business in Riverside

Business in Riverside

Available Commercial Space

Bid Opportunities

Access bids and request for proposals for consultants, service providers, contractors, vendors, and suppliers.

Business Directory

Riverside offers a wide range of local businesses. From restaurants, boutiques and more, Riverside has a unique small business feel to it.

Chamber of Commerce

Visit the official Chamber of Commerce website.

Municipal Code

Read through the official municipal code for the Village.

Starting a Business

We are excited to learn of any potential businesses desiring to locate in our community, and will offer any assistance we can throughout the process.

Zoning Map (PDF)

View the city's printable zoning map.

WHY GEORGETOWN

- Prime Location/Maps
- Available Sites and Buildings
- Community Overview
- Industries & Companies
- Business Retention Program
- Downtown Development
- Renewable Electric and Utilities
- Georgetown Airport
- Resources



Main Street Program



Development Process

HOME



Georgetown Economic Development Symposium
Annual event highlighting economic development in Georgetown



Location & Maps
Prime location on IH35 just north of Austin.



Target Industry and Workforce Analysis
Workforce, industry, retail trade area, and other reports.



City News
Workforce, industry, retail trade area, and other reports.

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The Regional Business Retention and Expansion Coordination Strategy (BR&E) strives to communicate and coordinate between multiple organizations. Together, the Region serves the business community by building relationships, collecting and sharing data, identifying opportunities and determining solutions. Working in partnership with multiple organizations, we increase business competitiveness in Greater MSP and positively impact capital

https://www.greatersp.org/doing-business-here/doing-business-here-2017/

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

8:00AM-9:30AM

Zoom Meeting

