

INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Luther
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SECOND READING: September 4, 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.00 OF THE CITY’S CHARTER

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeton is located in the heart of the St. Louis metropolitan region adjacent to Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, with Missouri’s highest volume interstate interchange (I-70 and I-270), and boasts eight City-owned parks including Berry Hill Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, The City offers a great advantage for new retail, commercial and industrial development along the vibrant retail St. Charles Rock Road corridor and further northwest; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeton, being in the “service” business, offers a high level of services that residents have come to know and expect; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeton’s revenue to offer and maintain quality services is mostly generated by monies received from its portion of Sales Tax revenue collected by retail business establishments; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to create an Economic Development Advisory Commission to offer expertise and advice to further new retail, commercial and industrial development, advertising and marketing our City, especially our current business environment, affordable housing, services, state-of-the-art Recreation Center, our parks and Berry Hill Golf Course, and to maintain and strengthen the current healthy residential and commercial property values.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There shall be an Economic Development Advisory Commission (“Commission”) consisting of five (5) voting members who shall have been residents of the City for at least two (2) years prior to their appointment. There may be appointed up to two (2) auxiliary (non-resident) members as well, who will not be allowed to vote. In addition, either the Mayor or one (1) Councilperson shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Commission who will not be allowed to vote.

Section 2. The Mayor shall make all Commission appointments, subject to City Council approval. Each Commission member shall be appointed for a two (2) year term, subject to the immediately succeeding sentence, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for two (2) consecutive terms. With respect to the first Commission, upon passage of this Ordinance, the Mayor shall appoint, subject to City Council approval, (a) two (2) voting members to one-year terms and three (3) voting members to two-year terms; and (b) one (1) auxiliary member to a one-year term and one (1) auxiliary member to a two-year term. The Mayor shall appoint one voting (1) member as chairman. After the first set of Commission appointments, all Commission appointments shall be made on or before June thirtieth (30th) and Commission members shall take office on July first (1st).

Section 3. If a vacancy should occur, it shall be filled by the Mayor as provided under Section 2.05(D) of the City’s Charter.

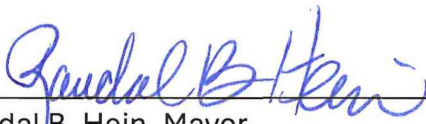
Section 4. The Commission shall keep a journal and minutes of its proceedings and maintain such as public record. All Commission meetings shall be open to the public. The Commission shall be responsible for submitting a written report of its activities to the Mayor at least once each month prior to the first (1st) regular monthly City Council meeting.

Section 5. The Commission shall meet to discuss ideas and suggestions and to make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council pertaining to immediate and future economic development, as laid out above, in the City of Bridgeton.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.


PASS THIS 4th DAY OF September, 2024

APPROVED 4th DAY OF September, 2024



Randal B. Hein, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Robinson, MRCC-S/CMC
City Clerk