

On March 21, 2025, an Economic Development Plan Review Committee meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall (10 3rd Ave SW). Chairman Blessum called the meeting to order at 01:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mike Blessum, Justin Hammer, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson

Members Absent: Paul Pitner, Beth Feldner, Melinda Howe

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Blessum led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Committee Member Justin Hammer moved the committee to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2025, Economic Development Plan Review Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jordan Nelson and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Justin Hammer, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson; nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

CHILDCARE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Alderwoman Olson, Scott Burlingame, and Keli Rosselli-Sullivan presented to the committee about the current Childcare in Minot Committee. The presentation is attached to the agenda in the agenda packet.

At 1:03 pm Melinda Howe joined the meeting.

COMMITTEE BULLET POINT REVIEW

Section 1: Committee Background

Motion 1: Committee Member Tyler Neether moved the committee to approve Section 1: Committee Background. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Melinda Howe.

Amendment to Motion 1: Committee Member Justin Hammer moved to amend the original motion to include directing Chairman Blessum and the City Clerk to add more description to the background to include meeting dates, topics, and the groups who presented to the committee. The motion to amend was seconded by Committee Member Jordan Nelson.

Both the amendment and original motion were withdrawn from the table.

Motion 2: Committee Member Tyler Neether moved the committee table the item and directed Chairman Blessum and the City Clerk to add more description to the background to include meeting dates, topics, and the groups who presented to the committee. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Justin Hammer and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson; nays: None.

Section 2: What is Economic Development Success?

At 2:04 pm, Beth Feldner joined the committee meeting.

Motion 1: Committee Member Tyler Neether moved to add the bullet point of increasing jobs. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Justin Hammer and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Beth Feldner, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson; nays: None.

Motion 2: Committee Member Tyler Neether moved to add the bullet point to diversify industry sectors. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jordan Nelson and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Beth Feldner, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson; nays: None.

Motion 3: Committee Member Tyler Neether moved to remove the bullet point of increasing the tax base. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jordan Nelson.

Motion 4: Committee Member Beth Feldner moved to table section 2. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Melinda Howe and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Beth Feldner, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson; nays: None.

Section 3: Primary Recommendations

Motion 1: Committee Member Justin Hammer moved to add the economic development position in the 2026 budget, which was cut from the 2025 budget. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Beth Feldner and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe; nays: Mike Blessum, Beth Feldner, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson. The motion failed.

Motion 2: Committee Member Beth Feldner moved to remove the two items under the additional items not yet discussed by the committee portion of the report. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jordan Nelson and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Beth Feldner, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson; nays: Mike Blessum.

UPCOMING INFORMATION - POTENTIAL UPCOMING MEETING DATES

The committee could potentially meet on the following dates, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the City Council Chambers, unless otherwise specified:

- April 11, 2025
- April 25, 2025

Committee members will submit recommendations to the City Clerk on or before April 8, 2025, to include in the agenda packet for the next meeting on April 11, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm was initiated by Committee Member Tyler Neether, seconded by Committee Member Jordan Nelson and carried the following roll call vote: ayes: Mike Blessum, Beth Feldner, Justin Hammer, Melinda Howe, Tyler Neether, Jordan Nelson; nays: None.