

# **BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 5:15 PM  
City Council Chambers

## **Minutes**

Attendees: Committee Chair Councilor Durgin, Councilor Civiello, Councilor Plourde, Councilor Gallant, and Councilor Nealley

Staff Present: Tanya Emery, Director of Community and Economic Development

Chair Durgin called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

### **1. Overview of 2013 presentation and look at trends for 2014**

Tanya Emery, Director of Community & Economic Development, gave an overview of the development that has taken place in Bangor the past year and looked at the 2014 trends nationally, regionally and locally.

Director Emery discussed the Downtown Development activity with many new shops and restaurants; the Main Street "Entertainment Corridor" with the construction of the Cross Insurance Center and the waterfront concerts at the Waterfront Pavilion; and, the Neighborhood Revitalization Stabilization Area which encompasses the area from Third Street to Main Street from Union Street to Buck Street.

Director Emery indicated that several national retail chains had constructed new buildings in the Bangor Mall area (Hobby Lobby, Buffalo Wild Wings, Town Fair Tire, etc.). Other areas of expansion in 2013 included the hospitality, medical and industrial industries. A Town Place Suites in the Bangor Mall area was approved in 2013 and a Residence Inn on Bass Park Boulevard is expected to be completed in 2015. Eastern Maine Medical Center received approval of their tower project as did St. Joseph Hospital for a medical office expansion. Other medical facilities that received approvals in 2013 were an expansion by Penobscot Community Healthcare and some smaller medical offices.

The Industrial sector saw expansion by C & L Aerospace and Global Montello. In 2014 plans are in the works for a company to occupy the vacant building at 120 Rice Street.

### **2. Executive Session – Economic Development – Business Development Loan– 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)**

Councilor Gallant moved to enter into Executive Session. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to exit the Executive Session.

3. Committee Action on Above Item.

A motion was made, seconded and the Committee moved Staff recommendation.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.