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COUNCIL AND MAYOR APPROVE NEW CITIZENS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Applicants for New Nine-Member Commission Sought

(Edmonds, WA) - Tuesday evening the Edmonds City Council approved an ordinance establishing a new, nine-member Citizens Economic Development Commission (CEDC), which Mayor Dave Earling signed today.

Originally created in 2009, the previous 17-member CEDC was scheduled to sunset at the end of December last year according to the corresponding city code provisions. City Councilmembers discussed the CEDC's impending expiration date last November and decided to allow the commission to sunset. Mayor Earling took the initiative to propose a new CEDC, which was introduced to Council last week, on 1/26/16.

“Promoting economic activity and vitality in Edmonds is of paramount importance to our community by creating jobs, enhancing quality of life and generating municipal revenue,” stated Mayor Earling. “There are many qualified citizens in Edmonds interested in serving their

community to help us identify ways to promote economic activity, and this new commission is intended to harness that energy to serve that purpose.”

Both the Mayor and Council will appoint CEDC members, with two members to be appointed by Mayor Earling, and one each to be appointed by the Councilmembers. Commissioners will serve in a volunteer capacity, with terms initially staggered for two and three years, ultimately settling on two-year terms. Citizens interested in serving on the Citizens Economic Development Commission are encouraged to fill out and submit the official city application form, which may be found at this webpage:

http://edmondswa.gov/images/COE/Government/Boards_and_Commissions/PDF/Board-Commission_Application.pdf

Applications are due by 5pm, Friday, 2/19/16.

Commissioners should exhibit experience in fields such as private or nonprofit business, economics, real estate, finance, development, education, or other similar fields, and must be citizens of Edmonds.

For more information, feel free to contact Economic Development and Community Services Director Patrick Doherty at patrick.doherty@edmondswa.gov or 425-771-0251.

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