

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A
BLUE RIBBON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

NO. 2021-58

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce City (“City”) recognizes the value of direct input from its residents, business and land owners, and experienced professionals regarding economic development strategies and policies to attract and retain quality businesses and to elevate the City;

WHEREAS, Chapter 11 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to create advisory commissions for such purposes as it may desire or require, subject to limitations of the Charter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Findings. The recitals to this resolution are incorporated as findings of the City Council. This resolution is found to be necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare and in the public interest.

SECTION 2. Blue Ribbon Economic Development Committee. A Blue Ribbon Economic Development Committee (“Committee”) is hereby established as an advisory commission to the City Council. The Committee shall evaluate and advise the City Council regarding economic development best practices and strategies to attract resident- and visitor-serving businesses, primarily, and to elevate Commerce City’s profile from an economic development perspective.

SECTION 3. Meetings & Duration. The Committee shall meet no fewer than once per month or more frequently if needed as determined by the Committee. The Committee shall make final recommendations to the City Council and dissolve by no later than June 30, 2022, following the appointment of members. Notice of any meeting of the Committee, and the agenda for such meeting, shall be posted on the City’s website. Representatives of the staff of the Commerce City Economic Development Office (EDO), the Community Development Department and the Urban Renewal Authority will attend. An EDO representative will staff the Committee.

SECTION 4. Membership. The Committee will be comprised of up to thirteen (13) members, with two (2) alternates. Members shall serve without compensation. Members shall be residents of the City, or owners or managers of businesses located in the City, or owners of large undeveloped properties or their representatives. Members with experience or qualifications in economic development or business attraction or retention are preferred. The Committee’s membership shall further meet the following criteria:

1. Two representatives from large businesses or large undeveloped properties (e.g. more than 500 acres) located in Commerce City
2. Three representatives of mid-sized businesses located in Commerce City
3. Three representatives from small businesses located in Commerce City (with a preference for at least one Spanish-speaking small business owner)

4. Two residents with special experience in economic development, marketing or related fields
5. Two members of the City Council
6. One non-residential Realtor with familiarity of Commerce City

SECTION 5. Appointment. Members shall be appointed and vacancies shall be filled by the City Council in accordance with the Charter and criteria established by this resolution, applicable Council Policies, as amended and shall include broad representation of interests, diversity, and geographical representation. City employees and the immediate family members of City Council members are not eligible.

SECTION 6. Economic Development Subcommittee Dissolved. The City Council's economic development subcommittee is hereby dissolved.

RESOLVED AND PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF AUGUST 2021.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

ATTEST

Dylan A. Gibson, City Clerk