



## **Economic Development Highlights**

### **Interim President Liu**

### **April 2016**

#### **Administration**

- Interim City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck, Chamber President Hermes and Staff attended a Legislative Affairs updates meeting led by Angela Hale, McKinney contracted legislative lobbyist. Hale encouraged me to have a written (and/or oral) testimony to share with the House Economic and Small Business Development Committee about the importance of international business recruitment and the State's international recruitment resources. On behalf of McKinney, Staff submitted the written testimony on March 31. Hale and Staff attended the hearing led by Chairwoman State Representative Angie Chen Button at Richland College Garland Campus on April 6. Chairwoman Button recognized my attendance on behalf of McKinney as well as the written testimony at the hearing.
- Barry Shelton, Assistant City Manager and Staff met with Kevin Santaularia, of Bradford Commercial Real Estate to discuss land for a potential industrial spec building.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> MEDC Executive Committee and City Manager monthly meeting was held on April 7.
- The new Audio/Visual equipment which included an updated projector and speaker system, was installed on April 11 in the Dowdy Board Room.

#### **Marketing/Networking**

- Staff was invited and attended Republic of China (Taiwan) President Ma Ying-jeou Dinner at Omni Hotel in Houston on Sunday, March 13. This is the very first time President Ma formally visited the State of Texas. It is a great honor to be invited for the President's formal dinner among 200 invited guests. McKinney is the North America Headquarters for Tong Yang Group and Wistron GreenTech Texas Corporation. Both companies are globally headquartered in Taiwan. (See attached Picture)
- Board Members Kenneth Sipiora, Sheila Johnson and Walter Chen attended Bisnow Platinum Corridor in Plano on March 31. John Valencia, Director of Business Retention & Expansion and Emerging Technology,

Madison Clark, Economic Development Coordinator and Staff also joined the meeting. There were 763 registered attendees at the meeting including real estate brokers, EDC staff and professional service group.

- Vice Chairman Robbie Clark and Board Member Sheila Johnson attended McKinney Chamber Quarterly Luncheon featured by keynote speaker Tracye McDaniel, President & CEO, TexasOne. MEDC has been a TexasOne member and Staff has worked with TexasOne for national and international business recruitments since 2010. Chad Walker, Director of Business Development, Madison Clark, Economic Development Coordinator and Staff also joined the meeting at Eldorado Country Club. The Quarterly Luncheon was well attended on April 14. (See attached Invite & Picture)

### **Event Reminder**

- Upcoming TEDC Sales Tax Workshop to be held June 8 at the Omni Mandalay Hotel at Las Colinas from 8 am to 4 pm. Registration Deadline is May 27.

### **Economic Development**

- Staff hosted executives from Project Bright from China on March 29. Staff gave them an overview of McKinney, reviewed MEDC/City incentives offer and toured the prospective sites for Project Bright future operations. In addition, President Jeff Chen with Tong Yang Group gave the group a tour of their facility. Mayor Loughmiller hosted a welcome dinner at Rick's Chophouse on March 30. Chairman Lindsay, Mayor Pro Tem Ussery, City Council Liaison Pogue, City Manager Muehlenbeck and Staff attended the dinner.
- Staff hosted a lunch meeting with Jason Sun, President of Hisun Motors, to discuss the company's future plan on March 28. To follow up, Staff called a meeting with City Manager Tom Muehlenbeck, Assistant City Manager Barry Shelton and the Development Service staff at City Hall on April 1.

### **Projects Compliance**

- Staff called a meeting with City Manager Muehlenbeck, Legal Counsel Mark Houser, Senior Financial Service Manager Trudy Mathis at City Hall to discuss Hisun's Phase I Project Compliance at City Hall on April 4.

### **New/Expansion Projects Updates**

- Project Bright - Will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Project Jaguar - Will be discussed in Executive Session.
- Hisun Phase II Expansion - Will be discussed in Executive Session.