



City of Seat Pleasant

Office of the Director of Economic Development
Director Weyimi Ayu

A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

“Seat Pleasant offers Smart City Services that are better, faster and personalized making it a City for Me using information and communication technology, with the internet of things”

Department Name Economic Development

Date of Report October 31, 2017

Reporting Period October 2017

Summarize significant department progress for the reporting period that is indicative of providing services that are better, faster and personalized.

The Director held a bid team meeting with the Project Manager Carlton Wilkins. The update from last week remains that no general contractor has been selected for the USDA- City Hall/ Public Work modernization and Addition project. The bid team is currently reviewing the final 2 general contractor bids and will make a recommendation to USDA within two weeks. A general contractor will be selected after USDA completes its review process. This process can take up to 30 days.

The Department coordinated the City’s first ever Smart Home Ground Breaking and Closing Signing Ceremony where the Mayor signed the deed of for 6212 Addison Road, which was purchased by the Housing Trust Fund which was approved in the City’s FY2018 Budget Offer 1.2 – Capitalize and manage the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Revolving Loan Fund. The budget allowed us to be able to purchase, renovate and sell eligible properties within the City to eliminate blight and restore non-performing assets. Tisa Clark, the President and Owner of JD Clark Construction, is a minority business owner who is highly qualified as a construction company. She introduced her staff of contractors who will be working on the project, if awarded, to the Mayor and Director Ayu on Monday October 30th.

The Director attended the Smart cities conference in Washington, DC, to explain the economic development functions of the IOC. Mr. Ayu spoke with prospective business partners with the city to help facilitate public-private-partnerships.

The Director attended the National Development Council (NDC) Academy for professional development purposes. This year the NDC Academy focused on how economic development and community development finance professionals can work with the new Administration to further their community’s goals. This training can particularly assist the director with managing the USDA project and other federal partnerships. The conference also covered building affordable housing and all information obtained will be shared with staff over the course of time to help improve the functions of the department.

The Grants Management Division headed by Ms. Kyrthlyn Rhoda submitted two grants for the Community Development Block Grant one for demolition and one for acquisition to the Prince Georges County Department of Housing and Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Rhoda was able to complete this tedious task to get these two grants in by the deadline.

The Director held a meeting with the Housing Trust Fund and Revolving Loan Fund Oversight Board, the board convened to vote to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 7-18-17, voted to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Application, voted to approve the purchase of 6212 Addison Road for \$238,000, and voted to send the policies and procedures to legal counsel for review; each measure was unanimously voted in favor by the board.

Office of the City Treasurer

Revenue

Line Item **6-5100 – 6-6602**

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)
\$70,000.00	N/A	N/A

Expenditures

Offers 1.1 to 1.8

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)
\$70,000.00	\$6,320,626.00	\$6,094,639.12