

**City of Franklin Economic Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2009**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Skowronski in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall.

Members present were Chairman Skowronski, Alderman Olson, Burac-Englert, Desai, Hintz, Karolewicz, Kerr, Michlig, and Zawacki. Member Oleson arrived at 6:04 p.m., and Member Haselow arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present were Assistant City Attorney Brian C. Sajdak and Alderman Taylor.

II. Citizen Comment Period

The floor was opened to citizen comments. Fred Keller of 6624 Scenic Ct. spoke with regard to the school district in which 27th Street is located. With no additional citizens expressing a desire to speak, the citizen comment period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. March 30, 2009

Motion made (Hintz) and seconded (Kerr) to approve the March 30, 2009 Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried: Ayes (9), Noes (0), with Member Karolewicz abstaining.

IV. Business

A. Reserve Class B Alcohol Beverage License Grants – Recommendation on Proposed Draft Ordinance on Application Process.

Background on the subject was provided by Attorney Sajdak. Discussion was held between the members during which Member Haselow arrived at 6:10. Motion made (Burac-Englert) and seconded (Kerr) to recommend to the Common Council that it pass the proposed draft ordinance as presented. Motion Carried: Ayes (11), Noes (0).

B. 27th Street Update

Alderman Olson provided an update on the 27<sup>th</sup> Street project including the current time-line for construction, stormwater issues, roundabouts and cross-section/design elements. Discussion followed among members of the Commission concerning various design elements, costs and roundabouts. No Action taken.

C. Discussion Relating to Comprehensive Plan and the 70/30 Percent Tax Burden Balance

Alderman Olson presented background information on the 70/30 Percent Tax Burden Balance. Discussion was held between the members concerning what the current balance is and what factors should be considered in the future. No action taken.

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- D. Discussion Relating to Smart Growth focusing on Transportation as a Driver to Economic Growth (Possible Recommendation to Common Council)

Combined with Item E – See Below

- E. Discussion Relating to Access to Transit Facilities and Development

Combined with Item D: Member Michlig provided background information and reviewed handouts consisting of articles discussing the need to focus on transportation issues. The Chair and Alderman Olson discussed mass transit in Franklin in historical terms. Additional discussion followed between the members. No action taken.

- F. Discussion Relating to KA –Five Star Vacant Building

Member Michlig asked what was going on with the property and whether any efforts were in place to fill the space. Brief discussion followed from the Chair. No action taken.

- \*H. Discussion Relating to Outdoor Seating at Three Cellars

Member Michlig suggested that this might be a good location for outdoor seating. The Chair indicated that he would be in favor of it, but that the limited space on the site would make it tough. Alderman Olson raised concerns about whether the seating area might be too close to the driveway. No action taken.

- G. Discussion Relating to City-Owned Land Between Fire Station and Public Library

Member Michlig presented an idea of using the space between the fire station and the library as a coffee shop where a local school might run it. It would also be a place for local residents who work at home to come and get work done. Discussion was held among members, who were largely supportive of the idea. Alderman Olson suggested that the idea be presented to the Common Council.

Motion made (Michlig) and seconded (Olson) to present the idea to the common council once the details could be better detailed. Motion carried: Ayes (11), Noes (0).

Chairman Skowronski suggested that an ad hoc committee be created to work on this proposal and appointed Member Michlig the Chair of the committee with any members of the EDC wishing to participate welcome to do so.

- I. Discussion Relating to Support of Local Businesses (“Boosterism”)

Member Michlig suggested that we needed to provide more than passive support for local businesses. Chairman Skowronski indicated that the Chamber of Commerce was the main vehicle for this type of effort. Alderman Olson indicated that planning staff and the clerk put a list of businesses in a newsletter. He also suggested that the City’s website might have some opportunities and that he could check with staff about that. Member Karolewicz suggested

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that at a minimum a link on the City's web site to the Chamber's site would be appropriate.  
No action taken.

### **V. Information & New Business**

#### **A. Update on Harley Davidson**

Attorney Sajdak provided a brief update on the Harley Davidson situation.

#### **B. Franklin's Nomination for Top 100 Places to Live List**

Chairman Skowronski announced that Franklin was nominated for the list, but did not make the final cut.

### **VI. Next Meeting Date – May 18, 2009**

The Commission decided that its next meeting would be May 18, 2009.

### **VII. Adjournment**

Motion made (Karolewicz) and seconded (Michlig) to adjourn the April 27, 2009 Economic Development Commission Meeting. Motion Carried: Ayes (11), Noes (0).