

City of Franklin Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2010

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Skowronski in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Skowronski and Commissioners Hintz, Karolewicz, Kerr, Oleson, Zawacki, Michlig and Desai. Members Alderman Olson (6:30) and Commissioner Haselow (6:05) arrived later. Commissioners Burac-Englert and Ohm were excused. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Sajdak and City Administrator Luberda.

II. Citizen Comment Period

Chairman Skowronski opened the floor to Citizen Comments. No citizens were present to speak and the Citizen Comment Period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. February 22, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion made (Michlig) and seconded (Zawacki) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 EDC meeting as presented. Motion carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0)

IV. Business

A. Consideration of request for Economic Development Incentives by Franklin Automotive (at approximately 3030 W. Ryan Road and 9440 S. 31st Street) – On referral back from Council

Chairman Skowronski presented background on the request. Discussion followed concerning whether the project was moving forward. The Chair indicated that it was. Commissioner Haselow arrived at 6:05. Discussion followed concerning the lack of policy or standards for judging such requests during which Alderman Olson arrived at 6:30. Recommendation to establish a subcommittee to focus on issue was made. Chairman Skowronski created the subcommittee with Karolewicz, Michlig and Alderman Olson to be members. Motion made (Haselow) and seconded (Oleson) to take no action on the request pending subcommittee work on a policy. Motion carried: Ayes (10), Noes (0).

B. Consideration of and discussion on Interim Economic Development Program for Small Business Development and Possible Recommendation to Council – On referral from Council

Based upon the discussion from the Agenda Item A and the establishment of a Subcommittee to work on the policy, a Motion was made (Ald. Olson) and Seconded (Oleson) to advise the Common Council that the Commission had established a subcommittee and was working on a policy proposal. Motion carried: Ayes (10), Noes (0).

- C. Information relating to Council's action on an Offer To Sell Lot 3 In Block 4 in the Franklin Industrial Park From Zar LLC

Assistant City Attorney Sajdak provided information with respect to the action taken by the Council on this item and the reasons for such action. No action taken.

- D. 27th Street Update

Alderman Olson noted that the Joint 27th Street Steering Committee would be meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall and reviewed the list of the agenda items. Commissioner Michlig asked about the local cost share for the Drexel interchange. Assistant City Attorney Sajdak advised that such discussion was outside of the scope of the agenda topic as the interchange is located outside of the 27th Street Corridor and, as such, was not a focus of the Joint 27th Street Steering Committee. Questions were raised with respect to the cost of the 27th Street Corridor project. Alderman Olson advised that he was not prepared to discuss those from memory and that he would have to bring that information back to the Commission. Alderman Olson did indicate that no work was presently being done under the Zizzo Group contract. No action taken.

- E. Trail Committee Report

Commissioner Michlig provided an update on the Walking Workshop that was held indicating that the event was largely successful. Discussion followed about where the Trials Committee went next with respect to some of the findings/comments from the workshop. No action taken.

- F. Chairman's Report on Business Activities in Franklin

Chairman Skowronski indicated that there was little new activity to report other than Jump Zone opening its doors for business. No action taken.

- G. Web 2.0 & Economic Development Opportunities for Franklin

Item was tabled to a future meeting date.

- V. Next Meeting Date – May 24, 2010

It was announced that the next meeting date would be May 24, 2010. Commissioner Hintz indicated that he would not be present at that meeting.

- VI. Adjournment

Motion made (Haselow) and seconded (Karolewicz) to adjourn the April 26, 2010 Economic Development Commission meeting. Motion carried: Ayes (10), Noes (0).