

City of Franklin Economic Development Commission

MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order by Assistant City Attorney Sajdak in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall at 6:01 p.m.

Members present were Alderman Olson and Commissioners Burac-Englert, Kerr and Oleson. Commissioners Haselow and Desai were excused. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Sajdak and Aldermen Taylor and Wilhelm.

Discussion was held to elect a Chair *pro tem*. Oleson nominated Kerr. Kerr suggests that Chair has historically been an Alderman. Alderman Olson corrects and indicates that past Chairs have not always been alderman. Oleson nomination failed for lack of second. Burac-Englert nominated Ald. Olson with Kerr seconding the nomination. Nomination carried; Ayes (3), Noes (0), with Ald. Olson abstaining.

II. Citizen Comment Period

The Chairman *pro tem* opened the floor to citizen comment. It was suggested that with two aldermen present with interest in the agenda topic that the floor be held open for comments during the agenda item. Kerr moved as such, with Burac-Englert seconding. Motion carried; Ayes (4), Noes (0).

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. March 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion made (Oleson) and seconded (Burac-Englert) to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2011 meeting of the Economic Development Commission with corrections. Motion carried; Ayes (4), Noes (0).

IV. Business

A. Discussion of the Effectiveness of the EDC and its future with possible recommendation to the Common Council.

Ald. Olson began the discussion by suggesting it was time to get to work or go away. Discussion followed about what the City's ordinances charged the Commission to do. Concerns about meeting to meet vs. meeting for a purpose led to a discussion of being more proactive with respect to development. Concern was raised over whether the EDC had the proper membership makeup to accomplish that and whether it was appropriate. Ald. Olson advised that City Attorney's office acts as Economic Development Director should questions/issues arise. Consensus was that the EDC

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needed the appropriate membership and to have an opportunity to work with that membership. Concern was expressed that this may be a foregone conclusion at the Council level.

Motion made (Oleson) and Seconded (Kerr) to recommend to Council that the EDC vacancies be filled with qualified appointments and to give the EDC one year to work with those new individuals. Motion carried; Ayes (4), Noes (0).

V. Next Meeting Date – April 25, 2011

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be May 23, 2011.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made (Oleson) and seconded (Kerr) to adjourn the April 25, 2011 meeting of the Economic Development Commission. Motion carried: Ayes (4), Noes (0).