

**City of Franklin Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 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 and Commissioners Hintz, Kerr, Oleson, Zawacki, Michlig, Desai and Ohm. Alderman Olson and Commissioners Burac-Englert, Haselow and Karolewicz were excused. Also present were Assistant City Attorney Brian C. Sajdak, Mayor Thomas Taylor, Alderman Wilhelm, Alderman Taylor and City Administrator Mark Luberda.

II. Citizen Comment Period

The floor was opened to citizen comments. With no citizens expressing a desire to speak, the citizen comment period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. June 22, 2009

Motion made (Michlig) and seconded (Zawacki) to approve the June 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried: Ayes (6), Noes (0) with Abstentions by Zawacki and Michlig.

IV. Business

A. 27th Street Update

Assistant City Attorney Sajdak provided a brief update from the Joint 27th Street Committee. Discussion among Commission members followed. Mayor Taylor announced that he had appointed Franklin Resident Patrick Scheehan as the Mayor's Liaison to the Joint 27th Street Committee. No action taken.

*E. "Sign Ordinance – Ground and Monument Sign Survey" of EDC Members for Consideration in the Amendment of the Sign Code.

Mr. Luberda presented a handout to the Commissioners and indicated that if they wished to provide input they needed to complete the survey and return it to him.

*F. Economic Development Considerations & Incentives Report

Mr. Luberda presented a handout to the Commissioners concerning economic development incentives focusing on issues related to Small Business support and possible professional consult. Discussion among the members followed.

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Motion made (Zawacki) and seconded (Ohm) to recommend to the Common Council to hire an outside consult to address economic development matters. Discussion on the motion followed concerning whether it was appropriate at this time. An alternative motion was presented by Assistant City Attorney Sajdak, after which the motion was withdrawn by its maker and second.

Motion made (Zawacki) and seconded (Ohm) to advise the Mayor to proceed with discussions with interested parties concerning possible incentives and to advise these parties that the Economic Development Commission is open to considering and recommending any and all economic development incentive proposals that may be necessary. Motion carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0).

B. Update on New Entity for 27th Street Issues

Assistant City Attorney Sajdak provided an update on the progress on this issue. Discussion followed from the Commission members and Mayor Taylor. No action taken.

C. Coffee Shop/Co-Work Facility Sub-Committee Update

Commissioner Michlig advised that there had not been a sub-committee meeting. He then presented two handouts for consideration. No action taken.

D. Comprehensive Plan Update

Chairman Skowronski advised that the Plan Commission had approved the Comprehensive Plan and that it was set to go to the Council for a Public Hearing. No action taken.

G. Report on Business Development within Franklin

Chairman Skowronski provided an update on business activities within the City. Mayor Taylor commented that residents need to remember to use the businesses Franklin already has in order to draw new business in. Commissioner Ohm questions whether more effort could be used in highlighting new businesses. No action taken.

V. Next Meeting Date – September 28, 2009

Chairman Skowronski noted that the next scheduled meeting would be September 28, 2009.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made (Kerr) and seconded (Hintz) to adjourn the August 24, 2009 Economic Development Commission Meeting. Motion Carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0).

* Denotes an item taken out of order