

City of Franklin
Community Development Authority
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2011

Approved 11/17/2011

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Thursday, August 18, 2011, Community Development Authority meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Taylor in the Common Council Chambers at Franklin City Hall. Present were Members Mayor Taylor, Ryan, Kass, Bartels and Alderman Skowronski. Members Mullarkey and Holpfer were excused. Also present was Executive Director Wesolowski.

II. Citizen Comment Period

Mayor Taylor opened the Citizen Comment period at 6:01 PM. No citizens came forward. Mayor Taylor closed the Citizen Comment period.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2011

Member Alderman Skowronski moved and Member Ryan seconded a motion to approve the July 21, 2011 Community Development Authority meeting minutes. Upon voice vote, all voted “aye”. Motion carried: 4-0.

IV. Business

A. Application for a Site and Building Plans Amendment for the construction of a 10,975 square foot addition to the existing 16,278 square foot Maybar Manufacturing Company, Inc. building, by Maybar Manufacturing Company, Inc., for the property located at 4403 West Basswood Drive, (Tax Key Number 900-0012-002), zoned Planned Development District Number 18, in the Franklin Business Park.

City Planner Nick Fuchs presented the item. Three Maybar Manufacturing Company, Inc. representatives were present at the meeting. Mr. Fuchs described the project and informed the Authority that the Department of City Development recommends approval. He also stated that the Engineering Department provided comments to him, which he read into the record. Upon questioning from Member Alderman Skowronski, the Maybar representatives indicated their approval from their seats in the audience. Member Kass moved and Member Alderman Skowronski seconded a motion to adopt A Resolution Amending the Site and Building Plans for Maybar Manufacturing Company, Inc. to allow for a Building Addition, which Resolution shall include the Engineering Department conditions presented by the Department of City Development at the Authority meeting of August 18, 2011. Member Alderman Skowronski moved and Member Bartels seconded a motion to suspend the rules to allow Alderman Wilhelm, present in the audience, to speak. Upon voice vote, all voted “aye.” Motion carried: 4-0. Alderman Wilhelm noted the potential for the applicant to allow for conservation-minded volunteers to remove trees which would be in the path of the new development, for relocation to other areas. The Maybar representatives in the audience indicated their consent to so voluntarily participate. Member Ryan moved and Member Alderman Skowronski seconded a motion to return to the regular order of business. Upon voice vote, all voted “aye.” Motion carried: 4-0. Upon the main motion: upon voice vote, all voted “aye.” Motion carried: 4-0.

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- B. Saber Robotics (FIRST Team 2506) presentation by the Franklin High School organization to promote the advancement of science and technology within the Community with the involvement and interaction of government and business.

Member Mayor Taylor introduced the item, noting at the outset that a partnership should be formed with the City Boards and Commissions and the Saber Robotics team, due to the vast import of the subject matter and the benefits to be obtained by the participating students, the City and the businesses located in Franklin. Margaret Guderyon, Saber Robotics Advisor for Franklin High School, presented the subject matter, as well as team members and a parent advisor who informed the Authority of the team's activities and achievements and noted the specific value added by student participation with Franklin businesses, to the students currently while in the learning process, and in the future as employees, and to the businesses currently and in the future, accordingly. The Mayor discussed his experience in robotics and the global economic impacts and the impacts to the quality of life involved. The Mayor noted the status of product manufacturing competition and that for America to continue to compete, it must be conversant with and provide for future producers of agile manufacturing and motion control technology in the manufacturing industries. The Mayor finally noted that Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee Members Tatlock and Alderman Taylor were in attendance and that they would be in contact with Ms. Guderyon to further a partnership; that every community in the United States wished it had a group like the Saber Robotics team, and that the workers of the future were right here in Franklin. Member Kass moved and Member Bartels seconded a motion to recommend the consideration of the Franklin High School Saber Robotics letter before the Authority in its agenda packet materials, to the Common Council, and to further recommend that the City partner with the Saber Robotics team. Upon voice vote, all voted "aye." Motion carried: 4-0.

- C. Election of Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman noted that while Member Holpfer was not present, he had previously expressed interest in the position, if nominated. Member Alderman Skowronski moved to nominate Member Ryan. Member Bartels moved to nominate Member Holpfer. There were no further nominations and nominations were closed. Member Ryan asked that her nomination be withdrawn, for purposes of unity among the Members. The nomination was withdrawn without objection. Upon the motion nominating Member Holpfer, the Authority confirmed the nomination, 4-0.

- D. 2011 Six Month Financial Reports for Tax Incremental District Nos. 2, 3 and 4.

The Chairman noted the jurisdiction of the Authority with regard to Tax Incremental District No. 2, and the recommending body status of the Authority with regard to Tax Incremental District Nos. 3 and 4. Member Alderman Skowronski moved and Member Bartels seconded a motion to accept for filing the Six Month Financial Reports for Tax Incremental District Nos. 2, 3 and 4. Upon voice vote, all voted "aye." Motion carried: 4-0.

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E. Revolving loan fund business incentive program.

The Authority discussed its May 26, 2011 recommendation to the Common Council to consider the establishment of a revolving loan fund, the Common Council's referral of the item to the Finance Committee, and the Finance Committee's listed reasons why such a program may not be viable. Members Kass and Ryan expressed the need for the City to be creative in order to continue to compete with other communities, and that many other communities had such programs. Member Mayor Taylor noted the new existence of the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee and that perhaps the appropriate action was to forward the subject to the Committee and direct staff to prepare a report as to revolving loan fund programs provided by other municipalities. Member Ryan moved and Member Kass seconded a motion to do so. Upon voice vote, all voted "aye." Motion carried: 4-0. Member Kass moved and Member Bartels seconded a motion to suspend the rules to allow Aldermen present in the audience to speak. Upon voice vote, all voted "aye." Motion carried: 4-0. Alderman Solomon expressed the concerns listed by the Finance Committee. Alderman Taylor expressed the need to be creative and Alderman Wilhelm agreed that there was a need to provide some sort of a loan program. Member Alderman Skowronski moved and Member Bartels seconded a motion to return to the regular order of business. Upon voice vote, all voted "aye." Motion carried: 4-0. Members Kass, Ryan and Alderman Skowronski expressed the need to move forward on providing a loan program for business development.

F. South 27th Street Corridor development administration.

Member Mayor Taylor introduced the item in follow up to the Authority's discussion upon the subject at its July 21, 2011 meeting. He noted the number of multi-jurisdictional governmental and business-interested meetings he had recently attended, and also noted the attendance of Member Ryan at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation meeting for South 27th Street. He named the entities and businesses interested and the current expressed interest of Oak Creek Mayor Bolender that it was time to get back to business on 27th Street. The Mayor stated that the City Attorney should set up a meeting with Oak Creek and that the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee should decide upon a member to be involved. Member Ryan noted that it was important to involve the interested businesses in the future development of the corridor.

G. Tax Incremental District No. 2 closure recognition gathering event.

Member Mayor Taylor introduced the item and discussed its import, in regard to the history and success involved, as well as the subject being one for public announcement in such a fashion by a municipality, for the economic development purposes to be served. Member Bartels moved and Member Kass seconded a motion to refer the event subject matter to the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee, with the assistance of Members Alderman Skowronski and Ryan, to further the dissemination of information of the event. Upon voice vote, all voted "aye." Motion carried: 4-0.

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V. Vouchers

Member Alderman Skowronski moved and Member Ryan seconded a motion to approve the voucher presented by the Department of Finance as contained in the August 18, 2011 Authority Agenda packet materials in the total amount of \$346.50. Upon voice vote, all voted “aye.” Motion carried: 4-0.

VI. Next meeting date (September 22, 2011 and/or at the call of the Chairman)

The Authority discussed available dates for a meeting at the call of the Chairman.

VII. Adjournment

Member Ryan moved and Member Bartels seconded a motion to adjourn the Thursday, August 18, 2011 meeting of the Community Development Authority at 7:02 PM. Upon voice vote, all voted “aye”. Motion carried: 4-0.