

City of Franklin Economic Development Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 22, 2008

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman Skowronski in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall.

Members present were Chairman Skowronski, Alderman Olson, Bartoshevich, Haselow, Hintz, Karolewicz, Kerr and Zawacki. Members Burac-Englert, Desai, Michlig and Oleson were excused. Also present were Assistant City Attorney Brian C. Sajdak and Planner Nick Fuchs.

II. Citizen Comment Period: No citizen comments were made. (NOTE: Held after Item IV.A.)

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. November 20, 2008

Motion Made (Ald. Olson) and seconded (Kerr) to approve the November 20, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0).

B. November 24, 2008

Motion made (Hintz) and seconded (Kerr) to approve the November 24, 2008 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0).

IV. Business

IV.A. Application for Site Plan Amendment for Vesta, Inc.

Tom Calouette appeared on behalf of the Applicant, Vesta Inc. Mr. Calouette offered a description of the proposal: timing of the expansion, estimated economic impact, specific design items, WE Energies easement resolution. Discussion by Commission members followed.

Motion made (Ald. Olson) and seconded (Kerr) to adopt A Resolution Amending the Site Plan for Vesta Inc. (at 5400 W. Franklin Drive)(Berghammer Construction Corporation, Applicant) as presented by staff. Motion Carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0).

IV.B. Business Climate in Franklin -- Inventory of Vacant Business Locations

Chairman Skowronski discussed the progress of putting together a list of Vacant Business locations in the City of Franklin. Follow-up after the first of the year. No action taken.

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IV.C. 27th Street Update

Alderman Olson gave an update to the Commission pertaining to the 27th Street Corridor. No Joint 27th Street Steering Committee meeting was held. Next meeting is January 7, 2009. A brief discussion concerning the Drexel Avenue interchange was had. No action taken.

IV.A. Application for Site Plan Amendment for Vesta, Inc. -- Revisited.

Another representative of Vesta appeared and apologized for his lateness (traffic). Wanted to thank Commission for approval of resolution. A brief discussion of the proposal followed. No additional action taken.

IV.D. O'Malley S. 76th Street & Ryan Road Sewer Proposal

Mr. O'Malley appeared as a follow-up to a letter sent by the Commission (by Burac-Englert) to O'Malley. Mr. O'Malley presented his position re: the benefits of sewer extension to the area. Discussion among the Commission members concerning the letters exchanged by the parties -- information to be forwarded to the members. No action taken.

V. Information

Chairman Skowronski presented information concerning the closing of the Tumbleweed restaurant and the status of negotiations in Kenosha with representatives of Bob Chinn's restaurants. No action taken.

VI. Next Meeting Date -- January 26, 2009

Chairman Skowronski noted that the next meeting would be January 26, 2009.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made (Hintz) and seconded (Karolewicz) to adjourn the December 22, 2008 Economic Development Commission Meeting. Motion Carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0).