

**City of Franklin Economic Development Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 26, 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, Alderman Olson, Burac-Englert, Desai, Haselow, Hintz, Karolewicz, Kerr, Michlig, Oleson and Zawacki. Members Bartoshevich and Hintz were excused. Also present were Assistant City Attorney Brian C. Sajdak, Mayor Taylor, Alderman Wilhelm and Alderman Taylor.

II. Citizen Comment Period

The floor was opened to citizen comments. Mayor Taylor provided an update on the Harely Davidson plant-closing announcement. Alderman Wilhelm had general questions regarding the business inventory listing item on the agenda. Steve Perrigo spoke in support of the sick-leave and Staybridge Hotel items on the agenda. With no further citizens expressing a desire to speak, the citizen comment period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. December 22, 2008

Motion made (Kerr) and seconded (Burac-Englert) to approve the December 22, 2008 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried: Ayes (10), Noes (0).

IV. Business

A. Business Climate in Franklin – Available Retail Space

Chairman Skowronski provided an update on the preparation of the list of vacant business locations in the City. MLG had provided information, but requests to other organizations have not received responses. Brief questions were asked by Alderman Olson and Member Haeslow with respect to the format of the list. No Action taken.

B. Regulation of Wage and Benefits Ordinance

Alderman Olson presented an overview of the ordinance and its history. Assistant City Attorney Sajdak presented a review of regulations in other communities. Discussion among commission members followed. Motion made (Haselow) and seconded (Kerr) to present the ordinance with a favorable recommendation to the Common Council. Further discussion was had among the commission members. Vote was then taken by roll call (Alderman Olson request). Motion Carried with Chairman Skowronski, Alderman Olson and Members Burac-Englert, Desai, Haselow, Karolewicz, Kerr and Oleson voting Aye (8) and Members Michlig and Zawacki voting Noe (2).

## Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2009

Page 2

### C. 27th Street Update

Alderman Olson provided an update from the January Joint 27th Street Committee meeting, providing information concerning streetscape elements and stormwater detention basins. Discussion among commission members followed. No action taken.

### D. Staybridge Hotel Alcohol License Grant

Member Michlig provided an overview on the perceived need for standards for better use of development grants of liquor licenses. Discussion among members followed. Alderman Olson indicated that he believed criteria were necessary and that the ordinance should be rewritten. Motion made (Ald. Olson) and seconded (Haselow) to appoint a two person subcommittee to work with the City Attorney's office, the City Clerk and any member of the Licensing Committee the subcommittee so chooses to redraft the current ordinance to provide the Economic Development Commission with specific criteria for the issuance of an economic development grant. Discussion followed concerning the form of the motion. Upon vote, Motion Carried: Ayes (10), Noes (0).

### V. New Business/Information

Chairman Skowronski presented information concerning the closing of the Philadelphia restaurant and new business in the Shoppes at Wyndham Village. An announcement was made concerning an open house at the Staybridge Hotel. Mr. Perrigo made various announcements concerning Chamber business. Chairman Skowronski announced the appointment of Members Michlig and Kerr to the alcohol license development grant subcommittee. No action taken.

### VI. Next Meeting Date – February 23, 2009

Chairman Skowronski noted that the next scheduled meeting would be February 23, 2009.

### VII. Adjournment

Motion made (Ald. Olson) and seconded (Burac-Englert) to adjourn the January 26, 2009 Economic Development Commission Meeting. Motion Carried: Ayes (10), Noes (0).