



Meeting of the Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Agenda

Franklin City Hall, Council Chambers
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin
October 29, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Steve Bobowski
Cathleen Richard
Mike Barber

Barbara Wesener
Timothy Wachter
Alderman Michelle Eichmann

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Citizen Comment Period
- III. Approve Minutes for the August 27 and September 30 Special, 2026 Meetings
- IV. Business Appreciation Celebration, November 9, 5 PM - 9 PM, Wisconsin Polish Center
 - A. RSVP's to date
 - B. Award types
 - C. General update
- V. Economic Development Update
 - A. Current Prospects

The Economic Development Commission may enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), for market competition reasons, to deliberate and consider potential commercial/industrial/manufacturing development(s) and governmental actions in relation thereto, and to reenter open session at the same place thereafter to act on such matters discussed therein as it deems appropriate.
- VI. Next Meeting Date
- VII. Adjournment

Notice is given that a majority of the Common Council may attend this meeting to gather information about an Agenda item over which they have decision making responsibility. This may constitute a meeting of the Council per *State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board*, even though the Common Council will not take formal action at this meeting.

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Minutes of the Franklin Economic Development Commission Meeting
Franklin City Hearing Room
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin
August 27, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present				Others Present	
Mike Barber	X	Bobowski, Steve (Chair)	X		
Barbara Wesener	X	Timothy Wachter (Vice Chair)		John Regetz, Economic Development Director	
Cathleen Richard		Michelle Eichmann (Alderwoman)	X		

- I. The Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Bobowski.
- II. The floor was opened for Citizen Comment at 6:03 p.m. No citizens were present, and Citizen Comment closed at 6:04 p.m.
- III. Approve Minutes from the July 30, 2026, Meeting – Motion by Barber, second by Eichmann, to approve. Motion Carried.
- IV. Economic Development Update – Regetz mentioned that as the Industrial and Commercial sites had been prioritized, TIF policy development in collaboration with the Finance Commission needs to be commenced to keep pace with the Economic Development Strategic Plan.
 - A. Current Prospects – Motion by Eichmann, second by Wesener, to enter closed session. Motion Carried. The Economic Development Commission may enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e), for market competition reasons, to deliberate and consider potential commercial/industrial/manufacturing development(s) and governmental actions in relation thereto, and to reenter open session at the same place thereafter to act on such matters discussed therein as it deems appropriate. Motion by Barber, second by Eichmann, to enter open session. Motion Carried.
- V. Business Appreciation Celebration (BAC)
 - A. Date – Regetz related that the Polish Center was not available on the selected date but is available on other dates, which he related. Motion by Bobowski, second by Wesener, to hold the BAC on November 9. Motion carried. Regetz will also attempt to secure the Polish Center for November 11, 2027 as next year's BAC site.
 - B. Theme – multiple BAC themes submitted at the July meeting were reviewed again. Motion by Eichmann, second by Bobowski to leave the BAC format as is. Motion carried.
 - C. Awards Nominations – Chairman Bobowski facilitated nominations and winner selections for the Excellence in Business Awards. Motion by Wesener, second by Bobowski, to approve the nominees and winners selected. Motion approved.
- VI. Candidates Forum – Chairman Bobowski suggested there is not time to conduct a forum and to dismiss the concept. Motion by Wesener, second by Bobowski, to dismiss the candidate's forum proposal. Motion approved.
- VII. Next Meeting Date – Motion by Eichmann, second by Wesener, to hold the next EDC meeting on October 29, at 6:00 p.m... Motion carried.
- VIII. Adjournment – Motion by Barber, second by Bobowski, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.



Minutes of the Franklin Economic Development Commission Special Meeting
Franklin City Hearing Room
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin
September 30, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present			Others Present	
Mike Barber	X	Bobowski, Steve (Chair)	X	
Barbara Wesener	X	Timothy Wachter (Vice Chair)		John Regetz, Economic Development Director
Cathleen Richard		Michelle Eichmann (Alderwoman)	X	

- I. The Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chairman Bobowski.
- II. The floor was opened for Citizen Comment at 6:21 p.m. No citizens were present, and Citizen Comment closed at 6:04 p.m.
- III. Approve Proposal For The Fabrication And Installation Of A City Sign on an existing sign monument at northwest corner of West Drexel Avenue and South 27th Street. **This action item considered second** – The three proposals submitted were reviewed. Motion by Wesener, second by Barber, to select the SignEffectz Option 2 proposal (without permit preparations) for \$8,400 and recommend it to the Common Council for approval. Motion carried.
- IV. Palaria Brothers LLC, 9848 S 57th St., Minor site plan amendment to allow for photovoltaic (solar) panels for Palaria Brothers LLC, in the City of Franklin Industrial Park, in accordance with Sec. 12.10(18) of Planned Development Legacy (PDL) 7. **This action item considered first** – Planning Dept Manager Regulo Martinez presented the application to mount solar panels on the industrial building in the Franklin Business Park. Motion by Barber, second by Wesener, to approve. Motion carried.
- V. Adjournment – Motion by Barber, second by Eichmann, to adjourn the Special Meeting. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.