

Minutes of the Franklin Economic Development Commission
Franklin City Hall Hearing Room
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin
October 20, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

Members Present			Others Present	
Barber, Mike	x	Timothy Wachter (Vice Chair)	x	
Bobowski, Steve (Chair)	x	Barbara Wesener	x	John Regetz, Economic Development Director
Justin Lockridge	x			

- I. The Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Bobowski.
- II. The floor was opened for citizen comment at 4:04 p.m. Citizen comment closed at 4:05 p.m.
- III. Approve Minutes from the September 15, 2023 Meeting – Motion by Wesener, second by Lockridge to approve. Motion carried.
- IV. Business Appreciation Celebration, Excellence in Business Awards nominations – The Commission reviewed submitted nominations and accepted nominations from the floor. The winners (listed first) and nominees of the Awards were as follows:
 Excellence in Large Business - Vesta/Lubrizol (W), Saputo USA, Carma Labs, Forever Companies;
 Excellence in Small Business - Sweet Basil (W), Roc Ventures, Gaia Micro Spa, Ace Hardware, Mimosa, JV Lawn Care, Castleman Plumbing;
 Excellence in Business Innovation - Land by Label (W), S&C Electric, Innovative Pain Care;
 Excellence in Business Leadership - Rich Simonson (Carma Labs) (W), David Myers (S&C Electric), Jim Pekar (Land by Label), Mike Zimmerman (ROC Ventures).
- V. Economic Development Update
 - a. Strategic Planning Facilitation – no action taken
 - b. Current Prospects – Motion by Barber, second by Wesener, to enter closed session. Motion Carried.
 - c. 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 Wesener, to enter open session. Motion carried.
- VI. 2024 meeting dates – Motion by Wachter, second by Bobowski, to hold EDC meetings on the 3rd Friday of each month, at 4:00 p.m... Motion carried.
- VII. Next meeting date – December 15, 4:00 pm.
- VIII. Adjournment – Motion by Wachter, second by Wesener, to adjourn. Motion carried.