

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

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

- I. The Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Bobowski.
- II. The floor was opened for Citizen Comment at 6:01 p.m. No citizens were present, and Citizen Comment closed at 6:02 p.m.
- III. Approve Minutes from the March 12, 2026, Meeting – Motion by Wesener, second by Barber, to approve. Motion Carried.
- IV. Economic Development Update
 - A. Strategic Plan Implementation
 1. Industrial and Commercial Nodes Prioritization – Initially identified properties reviewed and parcels between and around 76th and 68th Streets were added to the list. Waste Management needs to be contacted regarding plans for their parcels east of the land fill.
 2. Strategic Plan Report and Implementation Plan Presentation to Council for adoption - May 20, or June 2. Chairman Bowbowski will present and needs a slide deck, and Regetz will help answer questions. Regetz will contact City Attorney and Clerk regarding format of adoption as City's economic development strategic plan.
 - B. Current Prospects – Motion by Barber, second by Richard, 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 Wachter, second by Richard, to enter open session. Motion carried.
- ~~V. Endorsement of Mayor's JRB Public Member recommendation – No discussion, no action.~~
- VI. Next Meeting Date – May 28.
- VII. Adjournment – Motion by Eichmann, second by Wesener, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.