

City of Franklin Economic Development Commission

**Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Skowronski at 6:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Franklin City Hall.

Members present were Chairman Skowronski, Alderman Olson and Commissioners Burac-Englert, Hintz, Karolewicz, Oleson, Zawacki and Michlig. Commissioner Haselow (6:04 p.m.) arrived later. Commissioners Desai, Kerr and Ohm were excused. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Brian C. Sajdak and City Administrator Mark Luberd.

II. Citizen Comment Period

The floor was open to Citizen Comments. Citizen Scott Thinnes (SP?) spoke to indicate that he believed that there should be no incentive programs that would limit control at the expense of taxpayer oversight – the Common Council should be involved in awarding incentives. With no further citizens expressing a desire to speak, the citizen comment period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. November 23, 2009

Motion made (Hintz) and seconded (Zawacki) to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried: Ayes (7), Noes (0), 1 Abstention (Karolewicz)

B. January 25, 2010

Motion made (Burac-Englert) and seconded (Michlig) to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried: Ayes (8), Noes (0)

IV. Business

A. Review of Sign Ordinance – Ground & Monument Sign Survey and Consideration of Potential Sign Ordinance Changes.

Mr. Luberd presented an overview of the history of the survey and the results. Commissioner Haselow arrived during this overview. Brief discussion followed by Chairman Skowronski and Commissioner Zawacki indicating some flexibility was necessary. No action taken.

B. 27th Street Update

Alderman Olson indicated that the Joint 27th Street Steering Committee would be meeting Thursday (Feb. 25) in Oak Creek. WisDOT has finally made its formal recommendation for the corridor – it will be a traditional intersection corridor (traffic signals, not roundabouts). This decision allows the

Communities to move forward on design issues. Commissioner Michlig asked whether the City knew what grants HNTB was going after. Alderman Olson indicated that there were no final grant applications yet (too early in the process). No action taken.

*D. Highway 100 Update

* ITEM TAKEN OUT OF AGENDA ORDER

Chairman Skowronski indicated that the City had met with WisDOT on the reconstruction of Highway 100 from Highway 36 to the Root River. More information to come, but the tentative construction timeline is for 2014 completion. Highway 36 to Drexel is another project. Commissioner Haselow asked for clarification of the project boundaries, which was explained by Alderman Olson. No action taken.

C. Trails Committee Update

Commissioner Michlig indicated that a Walking workshop was set for April 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food donations for participants were needed. Alderman Olson asked what the Workshop was. Commissioner Michlig indicated that it was an opportunity to review issues related to walkable communities followed by a walk to see the issues first-hand. Discussion followed among members that trails needed to have broad-based support from various parties landowners, municipal entities, etc.). Commissioner Karolewicz indicated that there may be a conflict with a school walk event. No action taken.

E. Discussion Concerning Possible Incentives & Possible Recommendation to Council.

Chairman Skowronski provided a handout containing some ideas. Alderman Olson added to that the possibility of setting time frames for approvals and inspections. Chairman Skowronski agreed and indicated that 24 hour turn-around for re-inspections was common in other communities. Commissioner Michlig indicated that the process was the problem. Discussion followed concerning the scope of the agenda item. Commissioners commented generally about the Chair's handout. Chairman Skowronski indicated that Commissioners should have solid ideas ready to present at the next meeting. No action taken.

V. Next Meeting Date

Chairman Skowronski indicated that the next meeting date would be March 22, 2010.

VI. Adjournment

Motion made (Ald. Olson) and seconded (Zawacki) to adjourn. Motion Carried: Ayes (9); Noes (0).