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City of Franklin Economic Development Commission

MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2011

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members present were Chairman Skowronski, Alderman Olson and Commissioners Hintz, Oleson and Desai. Commissioner Haselow (6:03) arrived later. Commissioners Burac-Englert and Kerr were excused. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Sajdak and Assistant City Engineer Romeis.

II. Citizen Comment Period

The Chairman opened the floor to citizen comment. There being no citizens present wishing to speak, the Citizen Comment Period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. October 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Motion made (Hintz) and seconded (Olson) to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2010 meeting of the Economic Development Commission with corrections. Motion carried; Ayes (5), Noes (0), with the Chair abstaining.

IV. Business

A. Review and discussion of options for new Welcome to Franklin signs with possible recommendation to Common Council

Skowronski introduced the item. Olson discussed need for advertising but reminded the Commission that there was no money budgeted for new signs. Oleson suggested that maybe local service groups might pitch in on the cost for space on the signs. Skowronski indicated that there may be some issues with the locations as proposed. Motion made (Olson) and seconded (Haselow) to create a subcommittee to review the existing signage to determine an estimated repair cost and to work with the Economic Development Commission to get funding for the cost of the same and also formulate a policy regarding third-party signage on the City signs and to consider and recommend the design and cost of new/replacement signs. Motion carried: Ayes (5), Noes (0), with the Chair abstaining.

Skowronski then appointed Olson and Haselow to the subcommittee. No further action taken.

- B. Discussion of the effectiveness of the Economic Development Commission and its future with possible recommendation to Common Council

Skowronski introduced the topic. Consensus was that the City needs to support the Commission's mission by appointing appropriate members to the Commission (too many "closers" on the Commission right now, "Generators" needed), bringing items to the Commission for input and to use the talent available and possibly return funding for a Development Director position. Chairman Skowronski was to meet with Mayor Taylor and report back. No action taken.

- C. Chairman's Report on Business Activities in Franklin

Skowronski indicated that there was a possible restaurant/bar tenant looking at the old Blockbuster store. Hintz indicated that the owner of the old Jewel-Osco store had presented some information at the Board of Review concerning possible tenants coming. No action taken.

- V. Next Meeting Date – February 28, 2011

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be February 28, 2011.

- VI. Adjournment

Motion made (Olson) and seconded (Haselow) to adjourn the January 24, 2011 meeting of the Economic Development Commission. Motion carried: Ayes (5), Noes (0), with the Chair abstaining.