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City of Franklin Economic Development Commission

MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 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 Burac-Englert, Kerr and Oleson. Commissioners Haselow, Hintz and Desai were excused. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Sajdak and Senior Planner Nick Fuchs.

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. January 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion made (Oleson) and seconded (Kerr) to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting of the Economic Development Commission with corrections. Motion carried; Ayes (5), Noes (0).

IV. Business

A. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2004-5721 Imposing Conditions and Restrictions for the Approval of a Special Use for an Engineering Design and Manufacturing of Steel Structures Company for Property Located at 9909 South 57th Street to Allow for an Expansion of the Use (Skyline Development Corp., Applicant a/k/a Steel Solutions, Inc.).

Presentation of proposal by Paul Porting on behalf of applicant. Alderman Olson raised concerns about whether this met the requirements of the code in that loading areas are not supposed to be on the front side of buildings. Mr. Fuchs acknowledged the language in the code but advised that this plan had previously been approved. Discussion was had concerning the purpose of the code language. Alderman Olson questioned why Planning Department had not raised this issue before. Chairman Skowronski indicated that other in the business park had front-side loading doors. Mr. Fuchs indicated that this is more of a drive through than a loading area. Motion made (Kerr) and seconded (Burac-Englert) to approve the proposed Resolution as

presented. Attorney Sajdak indicated that the issue was whether the Commission believed this was a loading area, and if so, there might need to be more discussion of why a variance from the code was needed. Motion carried 4-1 upon Roll Call vote requested by Alderman Olson, with Chairman Skowronski and Commissioners Burac-Englert, Kerr and Oleson voting "Aye" and Alderman Olson voting "No."

- B. Consideration of a Resolution to Recommend the Release of the Access to South 60th Street and Landscape Easement Restrictions Noted in the Final Plat for Franklin Industrial Park Addition No. 1 as they Pertain to the Property Located at 9909 South 57th Street Bearing Tax Key No. 899-0003-000 (Steele Solutions, Inc.).

Attorney Sajdak presented brief history on this item. Motion made (Kerr) and seconded (Oleson) to approve the proposed resolution as presented. Motion carried: Ayes (5), Noes (0).

- C. Report of subcommittee relating to the review of existing "Welcome to Franklin" signage to determine an estimated repair cost 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 with possible recommendation to Common Council.

No report from subcommittee. Attempt to have something for the next meeting. No action taken.

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

Chairman Skowronski indicated that Any-Time Fitness was open on Highway 100. A dog groomer was proposed for 76th and Rawson. The Walgreens at that same location was moving forward. Alderman Olson announced the next meeting of the 27th Street Steering Committee. Commissioner Kerr indicated that he was working with a possible applicant for a business at the Andy's location on 51st and Rawson. No action taken.

- V. Next Meeting Date – April 25, 2011

The next meeting of the Economic Development Commission will be April 25, 2011.

- VI. Adjournment

Motion made (Olson) and seconded (Kerr) to adjourn the March 28, 2011 meeting of the Economic Development Commission. Motion carried: Ayes (5), Noes (0).