

# **City of Franklin**

## **Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, November 25, 2013**

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

The November 25, 2013 meeting of the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee was called to order by Chairman Haskins at 6:31 pm. Members present were Chairman Haskins, Alderman Taylor, Edmonds, Hohlweck and Kaniewski. Member Soto and Katz-Petted were absent. Also present was Assistant City Attorney Sajdak and Planner Fuchs.

II. Citizen Comment Period

Chairman Haskins opened the floor to citizen comment. There being no citizens expressing a desire to speak, the citizen comment period was closed.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2013

Motion made (Ald. Taylor) and seconded (Kaniewski) to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 meeting of the Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee as presented. Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Noes

IV. Announcements (No action to be taken)

A. Announcements relating to Economic Development

Ald. Taylor indicated that he had posted an item on the FFEDC Facebook page relating to the recent #6 ranking for Franklin of Wisconsin communities.

V. Business

A. Update on Economic Development Director Position

Ald. Taylor provided an update. There is money in the budget for the position. Additional funding might come from TIF districts. No action taken.

B. Hampton Inn Development Agreement – Discussion

Chairman Haskins indicated that this was on the agenda more for informational purposes. The agreement was approved by the Common Council last week. No action taken.

C. Franklin Hotel Tax & Recent Legislative Proposals

Chairman Haskins presented background info. Attorney Sajdak and Ald. Taylor provided more detail into the current law and the proposed changes. No action taken.

D. Business Retention Visits

Member Kaniewski presented information related to the process in Mukwonago. Ald. Taylor suggested that a committee look into this. Chairman Haskins suggested that it be discussed at the next meeting where hopefully everyone will be present. No action taken.

E. FFEDC 2014 Goals and Objectives

The committee reviewed past events/activities including the Business Appreciation event and the web site/brochure. Consensus was that these should be part of the 2014 goals as well. Chairman Haskins suggested that members think about it as this will be a topic on a future agenda. No action taken.

VI. Next Meeting Date – December 23, 2013

Next Meeting was announced to be December 23, 2013.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made (Ald. Taylor) and seconded (Hohlweck) to adjourn the November 25, 2013 Forward Franklin Economic Development Committee meeting. Motion carried: 5 ayes, 0 Noes