

# MINUTES OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

September 23 2010

A meeting of the EDC was held on Thursday, September 23, 2010.

The meeting began at 8:04AM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joe Penar, Mike Giannelli, Tom Herbstritt, and Perry DuBose.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Don Olson, Mike Briggs and Nick Sisto.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Eder- Community Development Director, Nicole Driskell- Community Development Administrator, Barrett Pedersen- Village President (arrived 8:40AM, departed 8:46AM ), and Ron Heller- Village Comptroller (arrived 8:48AM, departed 8:50AM).

**MOTION TO ACCEPT** minutes from last official meeting held on Thursday, August 26, 2010, as presented by Nicole Driskell, was made by Tom Herbstritt. Perry DuBose **SECONDED** the motion. **VOICE VOTE CARRIED.**

## **New Business:**

None

## **Old Business:**

*Follow Up Materials for US Global Petroleum 6b Application: 9010 Fullerton*

Discussion commenced on the additional materials provided to the members as a condition of approval for US Global's 6b application. Mr. Penar led a discussion regarding what US Global Petroleum does and their buyers. In addition, Mr. Penar led a discussion regarding the financial reporting of US Global Petroleum. Discussion also addressed the company's incomplete initial application packet. Those members present proposed a policy that any incomplete applications presented to the EDC in the future be denied or continued to another meeting as subsequent questions may arise when additional materials are provided after the initial EDC meeting.

*Business Appreciation Luncheon*

Greg Baise, speaker at the 2010 Business Appreciation Luncheon was discussed as were the invitation mailing and the current number of attendees.

## **Project Updates:**

Mr. Eder led a discussion regarding the Village's drive for home rule status. Discussion commenced on the merits of home rule, red light cameras, and the Village's ability to perform local adjudication with regard to traffic tickets under home rule. Discussion also commenced on EDC members speaking or writing letters on behalf of home rule.

Mr. Eder led a discussion on the progress of the new police station project. He informed the members that the Unilever property (Southeast corner of Belmont Avenue and Edgington) has

been chosen and an architect has been selected. Discussion commenced on what the current police station property will be used for once vacated (Metra parking was discussed as an option). Discussion also commenced on the creation of a Village campus at the new police station site and the use of focus groups for the development of the site. Further discussion commenced on the old LaSalle Bank (roughly Southwest corner of 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Rose Street and Franklin Avenue) and why the Village chose not to pursue that property for the new police station. Finally, discussion commenced on options for the layout of the Unilever property and the potential to lease unused space.

Mr. Eder informed the members of his discussion with CenterPoint representatives regarding the infrastructure needs of the Seymour Avenue area and CenterPoint's plans to improve the area and their site. Discussion commenced on the truck turning radii on to and from Mannheim Road in the Seymour Avenue area. Mr. Eder informed the members of his plan to create a TIF district for that area and his discussion with CenterPoint representatives regarding this proposition. Discussion commenced on the size of the former Central Grocers property and the size of the proposed development. Mr. Eder informed the members that there are large users currently in the market for large parcels to consolidate multiple facilities.

Brief discussion commenced on Wirtz beverage and whether or not they are still interested in a Franklin Park site.

Mr. Pedersen discussed the upcoming Town Hall meeting on October 12. He requested that the EDC members publicly speak on behalf of home rule at that meeting.

Mr. Eder introduced Ron Heller, Village Comptroller, to those EDC members present.

Discussion commenced on the remaining Business Retention Visit.

Being no further business before the Commission, Mike Giannelli **MADE A MOTION** to adjourn. Tom Herbstritt **SECONDED** the motion. **VOICE VOTE CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Driskell