



Economic Development Committee
October 11, 2016
4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Economic Development Committee Minutes:
 - September 13, 2016 - [September 13th 2016 Eco Dev minutes](#)
3. Public Comment:
4. Discussion and Action Items:
 - Business of the Year
5. Correspondence:
6. New Business:
 - Verbal Update
7. Old Business:
 - Verbal Update
8. Adjourn

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NOTE: There is a potential that a quorum of the Common Council may be present.

MINUTES FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2016, 4:00PM

Members present: Chairman Rick Wier, Sandy Jaskulski, Greg Schlecht, Tom Bilot, Tom Dillon, Joseph Moriarity, Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls, City Administrator Mark Johnsrud, Building Inspector Craig Vretenar, and City Engineer/ Director of Public Works Melinda Dejewski.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Wier called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting

A motion was made by Committee Member Jaskulski, seconded by Committee Member Schlecht to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment – None.

4. Discussion and Possible Action

A. Business of the Year Dinner

City Engineer Dejewski gave an update on the dinner preparations. The plaque is ordered. The Pololnez is ready. All members have their assignments. Ticket sales are starting to increase. The deadline for the count for dinner is Friday, September 21.

5. Correspondence: No new correspondence.

6. New Business: Verbal updates:

Building Inspector Vretenar stated that IBCC that has purchase 4630 S Brust Ave is remodeling and adding office space in the portion of the building it will occupy.

City Administrator Johnsrud gave an update on the city owned parcel on Bolivar Ave which Wixon would like to purchase and develop. We are working with the DNR to meet their requirements and receive closure documents.

Committee Member Dillon asked what the status of our TIF Districts were. Administrator Johnsrud stated TIF 3 was relatively young with 27 years to end. And TIF 5 was ready to be used for new developments. He also explained the funding process. Administrator Johnsrud also discussed the new Lake front Developments, the recently completed FBI office, Bear Development and the Sherman Associates proposal.

Discussion was also held on the importance of lakefront view corridors, easement access to the lakefront and importance of the views to encourage new development especially the Mandel triangle.

Committee Member Schlecht asked about the status of the proposed self-storage proposed on Kinnickinnic Ave. Administrator Johnsrud replied the Council took no action on this matter as they preferred retail/ commercial development for this corridor.

Mayor St. Marie–Carls stated the self-storage proposed some retail but less than the value that was desired.

Committee Member Moriarity asked what the old power plant imploded site would be utilized for; have there been any ideas or proposals. Administrator Johnsrud stated developers would have to provide us with their ideas. Committee Member Moriarity also asked about the process to acquire TIF funding for businesses. Administrator Johnsrud explained any funding would need to create tax incentives and provide tax base and jobs for City growth. The Council ultimately decides whether developments would benefit the City of St. Francis.

Committee Member Schlecht asked if there were any plans brought forward for the old City Hall site. Administrator Johnsrud stated the city had been presented with a WEDA funded residential development but turned this proposal down.

Discussion was held on the new SEWRPC plan for light rail from Milwaukee to Racine.

7. Old Business: None

8. A motion was made by Committee Member Bilot, seconded by Committee Member Dillon to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM