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Director of Economic  
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Secretary

**Mark Diamond ESQ.**  
Member

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Member

# **CITY OF STAMFORD**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

### **OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut**  
**Special Meeting- Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

The Special Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 4pm via Zoom Meeting.

**1. Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Fischer called the meeting to order at 4pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Stephen Fischer, James Huerta and Mark Diamond

Commissioners Absent: Margaret Feeney

Staff: Thomas Madden-Director Economic Development, John Varamo-Economic Development Analyst, Tommie Jackson, Assistant Director-URC, and Theresa Bowen, Office Manager-URC

**3. Boys and Girls Club of Stamford Presentation**

Mr. Madden reported that staff was unable to be reached and will try again for next meeting.

**4. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes**

**a. Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2021**

Vice Chairman asked if the Commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2021. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes as amended by Commissioner Huerta and staff to read, "The Economic Development Commission (EDC) based on the City Code of Ordinance can only provide their opinion when requested by organization and city departments when requested. Under the current City Code of Ordinance it cannot offer opinions without the request from interested parties." A motion was moved by Commissioner Huerta with second by Commissioner Diamond. Vice Chairman conducted a roll call vote. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

**b. Approval of minutes from Special Meeting held on October 14, 2021**

Vice Chairman asked if the Commissioners have read the minutes from the Special Meeting held on October 14, 2021. He then asked for a motion to accept these

minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Huerta with second by Commissioner Fischer. Vice Chairman conducted a roll call vote. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

**5. Chairperson's Report**

Vice Chairman Fischer stated no new requests have been received.

**6. Director's Report**

Mr. Madden stated that Mr. Varamo is currently working on the Q3 report with focus on filming and updated leasing activity. The remaining items are listed under Old Business on the agenda.

**7. Old Business**

**a. University Zone Overlay**

Mr. Madden reported that he had no new update.

**b. Minority Business Engagement Update**

Mr. Madden stated he had no new update for this month.

**c. Ordinance governing short term rentals in Stamford update**

Mr. Madden reported this item is currently on hold as it was pulled by the Board of Representatives and will be resubmitted under the next administration.

**d. Equitable Economic Recovery Study**

Mr. Madden stated the final draft report is being finalized with the newly elected Mayor Simmons when she takes office in December.

**e. Film & TV Permit Book**

Mr. Madden stated the final draft is pending the letter from the newly elected Mayor Simmons when she takes office in December.

**8. New Business**

**a. Discuss potential 2022 calendar time and dates**

The Commissioners discussed and agreed to keep the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 4pm. The calendar will be drafted by staff for discussion and vote at the next meeting.

**b. Next Meeting**

**i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda**

None.

**ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 4pm)**

Time and date was confirmed.

**9. Public Comment**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Fischer requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:26pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond with second from Commissioner Huerta. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mark Diamond,  
Secretary-Economic Development Commission