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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, February 10, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 4pm via Zoom Meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Huerta called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: James Huerta, Stephen Fischer, Mark Diamond and Margaret Feeney

Staff: Loren Nadres-Director, Economic Development, Leah Kagan-Special Assistant to the Mayor for Economic Development and John Varamo-Economic Development Analyst,

Guest(s): Jeff Benson

3. Welcome Loren Nadres-Director Economic Development

Ms. Nadres introduced herself to the Commissioners and provided a brief history of her background and her work as Assistant Vice President at the New York City Economic Development Corporation and where she led the international portfolio for the city and foreign direct investments with the diplomatic corps. Prior to that she worked at the World Bank International where she led innovation and entrepreneurship programs across 80 countries. The Commissioners along with John Varamo and Leah also gave brief introductions on their backgrounds.

4. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes

a. Approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2022

Chairman Huerta asked if the Commissioners have read the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 13, 2022. A motion was moved by Commissioner Diamond with second by Chairman Huerta. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

5. Chairperson's Report

a. EDC Position on University Research Overlay District (UROD)

Chairman Huerta stated that there's been several conversations regarding this and thinks the Commission should take an interest in this in what it can do for young people, education, the idea of laboratories for students and entrepreneurs and what opportunities can be derived from the companies in Stamford.

b. Commissioners thoughts on Code of Ordinances-Article IX-Economic Development Commissioners Roles

Chairman Huerta reminded the Commissioners the City has a committee which has tasked with reviewing the ordinances of the city and we should be familiar with our portion of what obligations, what extensions we have in how we can operate and now is the opportunity to take a look at that for any changes on what other things we might want as a Commission

6. Director's Report

No new items to report this month.

7. Old Business

a. University Research Overlay District (UROD)

Mr. Varamo reported this item has been pulled at this time and an earlier e-mail was sent to the Commission with those details.

b. Minority Business Engagement Update

Mr. Varamo stated he hasn't heard any news from the Mayor's office regarding the hiring of the Diversity Equity & Inclusion Officer and Ms. Nadres added interviews are being conducted.

c. Code of Ordinances-Article IX-Economic Development

Discussed earlier in the Chairperson's Report.

d. Ordinance governing short term rentals in Stamford update

Discussed earlier in the Chairperson's Report.

8. New Business

a. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 4pm)

Time and date was confirmed.

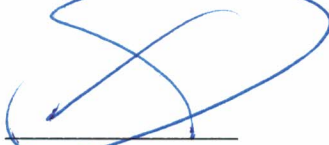
9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Huerta made a motion to adjourn the meeting with second from Commissioner Fischer at 4:34pm. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Diamond

Secretary-Economic Development Commission