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## **CITY OF STAMFORD**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

#### **OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut**  
**Regular Meeting- Thursday, August 13, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 4pm via Zoom Meeting on the 9th floor in the Urban Redevelopment Commission Conference Room, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Winkel called the meeting to order at 4pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Jonathan Winkel, Stephen Fischer, James Huerta and Mark Diamond

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

Guest(s) Vicky

**3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2020**

Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 11, 2020. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Diamond and second by Commissioner Fischer. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

**4. Chairperson Report**

Chairman Winkel stated there were no new requests or opinions received other than the request by Dr. Tommie Jackson at the last meeting and will be covered under New Business later on the agenda.

**5. Director's Report**

Mr. Madden requested a motion to go out of order on the agenda to include agenda item 6.c Recovery Plan Programming and agenda item 7.b McKinsey Report in his Director's Report.

Chairman Winkel made the motion as requested by Mr. Madden with second from Commissioner Fischer. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

Mr. Madden proceeded with his report. He provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Commissioners that covered the real estate sales, rentals and new listings in Stamford and Fairfield County. He gave an update on the unemployment numbers. He reviewed the number of Covi-19 cases and hospitalization numbers. Next he reviewed details of the McKinsey Report. Lastly, he gave highlights of the Recovery Plan.

## **6. Old Business**

- a. Research-University Zone Update- J. Varamo-  
No update. Mr. Varamo requested that it be removed from the agenda until there is an update. Chairman Winkel agreed.
- b. Potential 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioner-  
Mr. Madden stated there was no update.
- c. Recovery Plan Programming-  
Mr. Madden covered this earlier in the agenda under his Director's Report.

## **7. New Business**

- a. Minority Business Engagement by City of Stamford  
Chairman Winkel reviewed the e-mail dated July 16, 2020 from Dr. Jackson as a formal request to the Commission.  
Commissioner Diamond made a motion to have Mr. Madden draft a proposal for the Commission to consider and Chairman Winkel added that the Commission take up this as an opinion request with second from Commissioner Fischer.

Roll Call Vote:

Chairman Winkel- yea

Commissioner Fischer-yea

Commissioner Huerta-no

Commissioner Diamond- yea

Motion passes 3-1

- b. McKinsey Report  
Mr. Madden covered this earlier in the agenda under his Director's Report.
- c. Next Meeting
  - i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
  - ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs. September 10, 2020)

**8. Public Comment**

None.

**9. Adjournment**

Chairman Winkel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond with second from Chairman Winkel. Chairman Winkel conducted a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Huerta", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

James "Jim" Huerta,  
Secretary-Economic Development Commission