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Director of Economic  
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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, September 10, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, September 10, 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 4:03pm.

**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.

**3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2020**

Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2020. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Fischer and second by Commissioner Huerta. Chairman Winkel conducted a roll call vote. Motion was passed unanimously.

**4. Chairperson Report**

Chairman Winkel stated there were no new requests or opinions received.

**5. Director's Report**

Mr. Madden stated the Mayor has been fully briefed on the McKinsey Report and added the Fairfield Five (Fairfield, Greenwich, Norwalk, Stamford and Westport) plus three (3) which includes Darien, New Canaan and Wilton to discuss our area as it relates to COVID and Economic Recovery, Business Development and as a region how to move forward.

As part as recruitment, we partnered with Advanced CT and Metro Hartford to target and attract companies.

Lastly, he provided an update on state incentive discussions with the DECD.

## 6. Old Business

- a. 5<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Status Update-  
Mr. Madden stated a person has been resubmitted to the Board of Reps for reconsideration.
- b. Recovery Plan Programming-  
Mr. Madden gave a brief the Commissioners on discussions with Rep. Himes. Chairman Winkel stated this item be closed on the agenda and could be brought back at a later date. All Commissioners were in agreement.
- c. Minority Business Engagement by City of Stamford  
Mr. Madden discussed with the Commissioners with the City's Charter Labor Standards and Responsibilities along with Article II for Purchasing. He'll forward a memo to the Commissioners with all the details. He also shared what other cities have done such as the Bridgeport Small & Minority Business Enterprise. After much discussion, the Commissioners agreed to have Mr. Madden draft an initial Memo by next Tuesday to the Mayor. Next steps, would be to draft a report and schedule a Special Meeting for Commission review and approval.

## 7. New Business

- a. Next Meeting
  - i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
  - ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs. Oct. 8, 2020 at 4pm)


## 8. Public Comment

None.

## 9. Adjournment

Chairman Winkel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:49pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Fischer with second from Commissioner Huerta. Chairman Winkel conducted a roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



James "Jim" Huerta,  
Secretary-Economic Development Commission