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Stamford Government Center-Stamford-Connecticut Regular Meeting-Thursday, May 9, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 4:09pm 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 4:09pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Staff: Thomas Madden, Director of Economic Development, Dr. Tommie Jackson, Assistant Director and Theresa Bowen, Office Coordinator

3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2019 Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 11, 2019. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. The motion was moved by Commissioner Fischer and second by Commissioner Diamond. Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Chairperson Report

Chairman Winkel had no report for this month other than a matter to be discussed at the next URC meeting.

Chairman Winkel updated the Commissions about the Ethics Opinion response letter that confirmed what he was told verbally about potential conflicts. Commissioner Diamond made a motion to send a letter back to the Ethics Commission acknowledging receipt of the letter from the Vice Chair and relying on their opinion, with second from Commissioner Fisher. Chairman Winkel recused himself from discussion and passed the gavel to Vice Chair Fischer. Motion passed with unanimously with Chairman Winkel Abstained.

5. Director's Report

Mr. Madden discussed the Budget update with the Operating budget intact and no Capital Budget. He updated the Commissioners on Opportunity Zones. Lastly, he updated the Commissioners on the Stamford Partnership business and their projects.

6. Commission Business

- a. Research-None Pending
- b. Opinions-None Pending
- c. Coordinated Activities-Mr. Madden reported on University Zones for the downtown area which allows for additional development.

Chairman Winkel made a motion to go out of order and return to agenda item number four (4), second by Diamond. Motion was passed unanimously.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Commissioners Input 2019 Agenda-Board of Rep Report Mr. Madden will send the final report for next meeting.

8. New Business

- a. Next Meeting
 - Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
 Commissioner Huerta asked about getting information in advance on meetings/conventions when Mr. Madden speaks. If meetings/conventions are open to the public, notice will be sent to the Commissioners.
 - ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs., June 13, 2019)

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Winkel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:42pm, with motion from Commissioner Fischer and second from Commissioner Diamond. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Jim" Huerta.

Secretary-Economic Development Commission