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### CITY OF STAMFORD

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut Regular Meeting- Thursday, December 12, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 4:07pm 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 4:07pm.

#### 2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2019
Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2019. 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.

#### 4. Chairperson Report

a. Chairman Status Update (Ethics Committee Hearing-Dec 18)
Chairman Winkel stated that a hearing with the Ethics Board for their review for any potential conflicts as to his new role with the Stamford Partnership is scheduled for December 18 and he'll provide an update at the next Commission Meeting.

#### 5. Director's Report

Mr. Madden updated the Commissioners on his trip to Economix held in Charleston, SC. He shared with the Commissioners with materials that were shared with attendees. He updated the Commissioners on his meeting with the New Director of Connecticut Economic Resources Center (CERC) Peter Denious. Mr. Denious in the process of updating the state's plan. Mr. Madden updated the Commissioners on the presentations from the Opportunity Zone Meeting held earlier in the day at UCONN Stamford along with an update on Stamford Next. Lastly, he

commented if the Commissioners has any program, projects, speaker series etc... that requires budget, to let him know by next week.

#### 6. Commission Business

a. Review & Vote on 2020 Regular Meeting Calendar Chairman Winkel asked for a Motion to approve the 2020 Regular Meeting Calendar as presented. A motion was moved by Commissioner Diamond and second by Commissioner Fischer. Motion was passed unanimously.

#### 7. Unfinished Business

- a. Research-University Zone Update- J.Varamo
   Mr. Madden stated this project is on hold as other projects took priority and will get back on track in the next month.
- Agenda format discussion
   Chairman Winkel requested to keep this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### 8. New Business

- a. Next Meeting
  - i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
  - ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs., January 9, 2019)

#### 9. Public Comment

None.

#### 10. Adjournment

Chairman Winkel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33pm, with second from Commissioner Fischer. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Jim" Huerta,

Secretary-Economic Development Commission