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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Special Meeting Minutes
Stamford Government Center-Stamford-Connecticut
Thursday-March 8, 2018

The Special Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:36pm 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 5:36pm.

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners Present: Mark Diamond, Stephen Fischer, Taylor Molgano and Jonathan Winkel

Absent: James Huerta

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

3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: February 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 11, 2018. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. The motion was moved by Commissioner Diamond and seconded by Chairman Molgano. Commissioner Fischer Abstained. Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Officers Report: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Chairman Winkel mentioned the two big items coming out of the last meeting. First item, being Innovation Week and he will provide update on Innovation Week under Coordinated Activities, and ongoing work with the Bylaws Committee. Vice Chairman Fischer had no report for this month. Secretary Huerta was absent and had no written report for this month.

5. Commission Business:

a. Research

i. Recommendations-None pending at this time.

Chairman Winkel again noted that these items will be tabled until Bylaws are in place.

b. Opinions

i. New Requests-

Mr. Madden gave overview of a request from Planning & Zoning Board to review a proposed zoning text amendment for High Ridge Office Park. Mr. Madden is preparing a draft memo for the P&Z Board.

ii. **Rendered (Unfinished)-None pending**

iii. **Rendered (Finished)-None pending**

Chairman Winkel again stated no request will be accepted until Bylaws are in place.

Coordinated Activities

i. **Innovation Week**

Chairman Winkel shared details with the Commissioners on hosting an Innovation week for September 2018. The area of focus in obtaining Volunteers. Recruitment at every level is needed. Mr. Madden mentioned meeting with Holly Danger to have a projection mapping show on the side of a building during Innovation week.

c. **Reporting**

i. **Enterprise Zone Report-**

Mr. Madden reviewed the written Economic Development report with the commissioners.

ii. **Economic Highlights**

Mr. Madden gave update on the 2017 Q4 Commercial Update as well as Sales of 677 Washington Boulevard and 860 Canal Street. Fairfield Five Event at the Indeed office in NYC. He also gave update on other city projects that include Marketing for the Fairfield Five, Wayfinding and Gigabit Wi-Fi and Mobility and Transportation Projects.

d. **Other**-No other reporting was discussed.

6. **Unfinished Business-**

a. **Formation of By-laws Draft Update**

Chairman Winkel gave commissioners the overview of the process that the committee went through to put together the By-laws draft and reviewed changes. After much discussion Chairman Winkel asked for a motion to accept this draft to submit to Legal for final input. Commissioner Diamond made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Fischer.

7. **New Business**

a. **Mayoral Meeting Information Update**

Mr. Madden reviewed with the commissioners the meeting held with the Mayor and Chairman Winkel and Commissioner Huerta. He reviewed the Mayor's direction and discussed issues such as Quality of Life, Corporate Citizenship and Engagement.

b. **Federal Reserve Report**

Mr. Madden shared the details of the Federal Reserve Report with the Commissioners. He will forward a copy to the commissioners.

c. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

No discussion on next agenda.

ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting

Thursday April 12, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

8. Adjournment:

Chairman Winkel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm, with motion from Commissioner Diamond and 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