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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut
Regular Meeting- Thursday, January 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 4:03pm 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, Mark Diamond and Margaret Feeney

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

3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2020

Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2020. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Diamond and second by Commissioner Huerta. Chairman Winkel conducted a roll call vote. Motion was passed unanimously.

Commissioner Feeney made a motion to go out of order on the agenda to item 7.b. with second from Chairman Winkel. Chairman Winkel conducted a roll call vote. Motion was passed unanimously.

4. Stamford Partnership Presentation

Chairman Winkel stated this item will be tabled to the next regular scheduled meeting.

5. Chairperson Report

Chairman Winkel there have been no new requests or opinions received.

6. Director's Report

Mr. Madden stated the Q3 Report is out, work has started on Q4. The second Stamford sign has been installed at 677 Washington Blvd.

7. Old Business

a. Discussion of Meeting Agenda Items

Chairman Winkel stated this item will be discussed to the next regular scheduled meeting.

b. Minority Business Engagement by City of Stamford

Mr. Madden gave a brief overview of policies, procedures and what is happening in Stamford. He stated that data has shown that minority businesses are not being represented during the procurement process. Dr. Jackson provided the Commissioners highlights of an initial draft document and meetings held with the Mayor. Further discussions are needed along with establishing a task force. Mr. Madden suggested an EDC Special meeting in the next two weeks to flesh out the details, which need to be finalized in February. Chairman Winkel called for a Special Meeting to be held on Thursday, January 28 at 4pm.

8. New Business

a. Next Meeting

i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda

Commissioner Huerta suggested more time is needed for meetings and perhaps a different time and date is needed. Chairman Winkel stated for next month the meeting will be scheduled for 60 minutes.

ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs. Feb. 11, 2021 at 4pm)

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Adjournment

Chairman Winkel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:41pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond 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