



Minutes of the Franklin Economic Development Commission
Franklin City Hall Council Chambers
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin
July 28, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

Members Present			Others Present	
Barber, Mike	x	Timothy Wachter (Vice Chair)		Steve Olson, Mayor
Bobowski, Steve (Chair)	x	Barbara Wesener	x	John Regetz, Economic Development Director
James LeMere	x	Aaron Kapellusch		

- I. The Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair Bobowski.
- II. The floor was opened for citizen comment at 6:37 p.m. There being no citizens present Chairman Bobowski closed comment at 6:38 p.m.
- III. Motion by Commissioner Kapellusch, second by Alderman Barber, to approve the June 27, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. Business Appreciation Dinner
 - a. Speaker search – Potential speakers will be contacted sequentially by assigned Commissioners until there is an acceptance.
 - b. Invitation decision – Franklin Chamber of Commerce members will be invited along with businesses on last years updated spread sheet. Potential business prospects in the region should be invited and Commissioners will send suggestions to Mr. Regetz, who will remind them. Invitations will be emailed.
 - c. Awards decision – Extensive discussion about award types and numbers ensued and Commissioner Bobowski volunteered to draft a slate of awards. Nomination processes and recognition processes were discussed at 3 per category, with 4 categories, to be finalized at the next meeting.
 - d. Format decision – Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and networking (cash drinks), then the speaker and then awards will comprise the agenda. Chairman Bobowski is confirming the date with Tuckaway Country Club as the location, with a couple local manufacturers as potential backup sites.
- V. South Suburban Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update – Recent Business after Hours, Ribbon Cutting and Breakfast Networking events were well attended.

- VI. Water Diversion application to WI DNR – John Regetz presented a proposal from Public Works asking for support of an application to the WI DNR for approval to divert water from the Great Lakes Drainage Basin to the Mississippi River Drainage Basin, to supply water and sewer service to the southwest corner of the City. Discussion was held regarding the value of development that would ensue with such an approval, the ultimate cost of approval, as well as the interest from developers in the site. The Commission would like to have a presentation from the Director of Public Works regarding the application and involved studies.
- VII. Economic Development Update
 - a. Approve CGI agreement for free Franklin Video Tour production (posted on the City of Franklin home page - [City Of Franklin \(franklinwi.gov\)](http://franklinwi.gov)) Motion by LeMere, second by Kapellusch, to approve the agreement renewal with CGI.
 - b. TIF policy development – Mayor Olsen would like the Economic Development Commission to review the draft TIF policy distributed to them and develop a finance policy for TIF business projects. Regetz will select a couple of development project agreements for the Commission to review. All projects currently have an assessment guarantee for the minimum taxes that will be paid, regardless of actual increment generated.
 - c. Current Prospects – the Economic Development Department is currently collaborating with bio-medical, plastics. food processing, warehousing and multiuse projects.
- VIII. Decision to hold meetings monthly on 4th Thursday – Motion by Wesener, second by LeMere, to hold regular meeting of the Economic Development Commission on the Fourth Thursday of the month. Motion passed.
 - a. Next Meeting – August 25, 2022
- I. Adjournment