



**Minutes of the Franklin Economic Development Commission  
Franklin City Hall Hearing Room  
9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin  
September 22, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

- 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 6:36 p.m. There being no citizens present Chairman Bobowski closed comment at 6:37 p.m.
- III. Motion by Barber, second by Wachter, to approve the August 30, 2022 minutes. Motion carried.
- IV. The Commission reviewed the list of received nominees for the Excellence in Business Awards. Four nominees will be accepted as finalists and one will be selected as the winner. Motion by Kapellusch, Second by Wesener, to approve the following list of nominees as finalists.

Excellence in Large Business

- Lubrizol
- Innovative Pain Care
- Saputo Cheese
- Northwestern Mutual Life

Excellence in Small Business

- Honey Butter
- Gaia Micro Spa
- Ace Hardware

Excellence in Business Innovation

- YMCA
- Hunger Task Force
- Luxe Golf
- S&C Electric

Excellence in Business Leadership

- Jonathan Wichman, JMW Innovation
- Stewart Wangard, Wangard Partners, Inc.

- V. Discussion was held regarding finding a replacement for Robert Goetsch. Applications can be found at <https://www.franklinwi.gov/Contact-City-Of-Franklin-WI/Volunteer-Fact-Sheet.htm> and candidates should be directed there. The acquainted Commission member should inform the Mayor of the pending application.

- VI. Economic Development Updates:
  - a. Discussion was held regarding updating TIF incentive policy and the examples provided by Administrative Director Steeno. Mayor Olson would like to have a policy with which to refer when determining what to offer prospects. The drafting process would be conducted in conjunction with the Finance Committee and Director Steeno. Motion by Kapellusch, Second by Wesener to review the policies of Wauwatosa and Oshkosh at the next EDC meeting.
  - b. Current Prospects – the Economic Development Department is still collaborating with bio-medical, plastics, food processing, warehousing and multiuse projects. Niche Cocoa is having an opening announcement on October 4.
  
- VII. The Commission discussed research on potential redevelopment sites on Loomis Road, including process and nuisance ordinances. The Crossroads study and zoning information will be provided to the Commission for further discussion.
  
- VIII. South Suburban Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update – Recent Business after Hours, Ribbon Cutting and Breakfast Networking events were well attended.
  
- IX. Next Meeting – October 27, 2022
  
- X. Adjournment: Motion by Wachter, second by Kapellusch to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.