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MINUTES

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING, THURSDAY, October 16, 2014 ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS 7:00 PM

The Economic Development Commission held its Regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2014. The meeting began at 7:05 P.M.

Roll call:

Greg Seccombe	present
Bart Flaherty	present
Sal Hanaif	present
Keith Murray	present
Terri Goldson	present
Bill Luneski	present
Horace Behrle	absent
Jeff Sweeney	present

7 present, 1 absent

Also present:

Sheila O'Malley, Economic Development Director

Mr. Seccombe opened the meeting at 7:05. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Seccombe entertained motions to accept the previous month's minutes. Mr. Sweeney made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Flaherty seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Seccombe then asked if anyone from the public wished to speak.

Millie Rios, 121 Great Hill Road, stated that she is concerned about the development of Fountain Lake. The area is directly behind her property and feels that this will negatively affect her quality of life. She stated that she was concerned that the city was seeking grants for development for an access road into

that area. She was told that if the city did get the grant, it would be used as an extension of the existing road. Ms. O'Malley stated that the city is trying to encourage development and increase its tax base so as to reduce the burden on the tax payers. There was a short discussion regarding this development.

Mr. Seccombe then asked if there were any communications. He was told that there were none.

Mr. Seccombe stated that there were no bills that needed to be approved or paid. He then moved onto the Director's report. Ms. O'Malley stated that the priority is Ansonia Copper and Brass. They are expecting a bid to be awarded for the demolition of that site. They have been working with the attorney's representing the owner on the demolition contract. Mr. Seccombe asked if there was any date when that was going to start. He was told that they were looking to start as soon as the bid is awarded and they are able to get permits. She believes that there will be action on it before the end of the year. She then stated that they are looking for the match to the million dollar grant for the Fountain Lake property.

Ms. O'Malley stated that they have been speaking with the owner of the Farrell property and are working on a memorandum of understanding. There was a short discussion regarding this property. They are asking if the owner is making progress in a timely fashion and if not is he willing to sell the property at fair market value. There was a long discussion regarding the recourse that they city may be able to take if there is no progress with this property. Mr. Flaherty asked if the ATP building and the Palmer building were going to be turned over to the owner of the Farrell building for development as a recent news article seemed to insinuate. He was told that that the reporter never requested any input from the city prior to publishing his article.

Ms. O'Malley then stated that there has been a deal signed with a broker for the former Healy Ford property. The new owners are a used car and repair facility and they are taking over the entire parcel. They did not want to subdivide the parcel. There was also no willingness to sell a portion of the parcel either. The tenant that is currently on the parcel will be the responsibility of the new owner.

The grand opening of DiGiovanni's Deli and catering will be happening in the near future. Also, Cumberland Farms had their ribbon cutting last week.

Corporation Council Marini stated that he and Ms. O'Malley have been discussing the revamping of the City Center plan and the creation of a redevelopment zone. They will be in partnership with the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding this issue.

Chairman Seccombe then moved on to discussion of "cottage industries". Alderman Stowe indicated that he wished to discuss this issue with the board. Mr. Stowe stated that he is familiar with cottage industries as he is originally from Oxford. He would like to have these businesses registered. There was a very long discussion regarding this subject. Mr. Seccombe asked Mr. Flaherty if he could get a list of the approved businesses and cottage industries. Mr. Flaherty stated that he could get him a copy of the regulations for the next meeting.

Mr. Seccombe then moved on to updates on the façade applications. Mr. Murray stated that he returned the paperwork back to DiGiovanni's he needed to get a signature and then return it back to the proper party, Ree Ree's he did the same, Grim's (pastry and antique shop) is opening in the near future near Crave, also applied. L2 Innovate has been approved and they are going to cut a check for this

application.

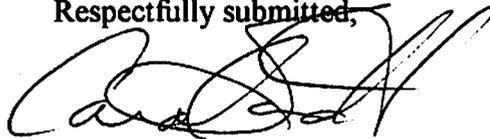
There was no other business to come before the board.

Mr. Secombe entertained a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Murray made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hanaif. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Sardinha', written in a cursive style.

Carol Sardinha