

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Time and Place: The Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Board Room at City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau

ED Members Present: Bill Nagle (C), David Nutting, Romey Wagner and Tom Neal (VC)

Others Present: Ann Werth, Travis Lepinski, Maryanne Groat, Anne Jacobson, Keene Winters, Brad Lenz, Mayor Jim Tipple, Eric Lindman, Elizabeth Fields, Kevin Malovrh, Corey Sandquist, Susan Sandquist and the Media

In accordance with Chapter 19, Wisc. Stats., notice of this meeting was posted and sent to the Daily Herald in the proper manner.

CALL TO ORDER

Nagle noted there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

No public comments were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 9/1/15 and 9/15/15

Neal motioned to approve minutes. Wagner seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY AT 1800 STEWART AVENUE

Werth gave background information on the development agreement and property at 1800 Stewart Avenue.

Neal motioned to call the development agreement complete. Nutting seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE 400 BLOCK OF WINTON STREET AND ADJACENT TO THE WISCONSIN RIVER

Nagle gave a brief overview of the letter from John Sonnentag to Keene Winters outlining issues he may need input from the City. Nagle addressed the issue of needing railroad crossings. He felt the City has a great deal of power in working with the State and Transportation Commission in forcing the railroad to allow a crossing.

Winters spoke for the Sonnentag's, he said they are not asking for anything of the City but he feels we should do what we can to make this development happen. Winter's said the first thing we can do is the survey.

Wagner motioned to have staff do vertical elevations only on the property. Neal seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR THE CLOSURE OR PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT OF TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE

Wagner motioned to amend TID 5 district boundaries leaving only Wausau Window and Wall and Eastbay in the district to be used as a donor district for TID 3. Neal seconded and the motion failed 2-2 Nutting and Nagle were the no votes.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A FOCUSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF WAUSAU (INDUSTRY BASED)

Wagner motioned to have staff work with the existing narrative. Neal seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PARKING STRATEGY AND POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION IN THE EASTBAY AREA

No action was taken; discussion will be done in closed session.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 GRAND AVENUE

Malovrh and Sandquist gave brief overviews of their proposed projects for 1500 Grand Avenue.

No action was taken; discussion will be done in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO 19.85(1)(E) OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES FOR DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION

***DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PARKING STRATEGY AND POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION IN THE EASTBAY AREA**

***DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROPERTY AT 1500 GRAND AVENUE**

Neal motioned to go into closed session. Wagner seconded and roll call was done, all members were present except Rasmussen.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS, IF NECESSARY

Neal motioned to move into open session. Nutting seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Neal motioned to accept Malovrh's proposal for 1500 Grand Avenue. Wagner seconded and the motion failed 2-2. Nagle and Nutting were the no votes

Nutting motioned to accept Sandquist's proposal for 1500 Grand Avenue. Nagle seconded and the motion failed 2-2. Neal and Wagner were the no votes

ADJOURN

Wagner motioned to adjourn. Neal seconded and the motion carried unanimously 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Bill Nagle, Chairperson