

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Time and Place: The Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Board Room at City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau

ED Members Present: David Nutting, Lisa Rasmussen, Romey Wagner and Tom Neal (VC)
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Others Present: Chris Schock, Travis Lepinski, MaryAnne Groat, Brad Lenz, Eric Lindman, Dave Oberbeck, Allen Wesolowski, Mark Kordus, Elizabeth Fields 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

Neal called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

No public comments were made.

UPDATE ON WAYFINDING PROJECT AND ABC COMPETITION

The consultants that were to come and talk got caught up in bad weather and didn't make it. Lenz informed the committee that the ABC Competition is moving the Wayfinding project along.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE EAST RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AREA RFP AND SUBMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

No action was taken only discussion was done.

Discussion was done on how to move forward with the RFP's. This is the biggest development the City has ever seen and will require special treatment. Wagner said the committee of the whole should handle this project based on its size not just the Economic Development Committee. Wagner and Neal both expressed their interest in having a consultant review the RFP's to educate us and guides us down the right path. Schock asked the committee to come up with questions for the two developers that submitted development proposals and we can have them answered at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POTENTIAL PROJECT PLAN AMENDMENT AND BOUNDARY CHANGE FOR TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT THREE

Discussion was done on why certain properties have been added to TID 3, the advantages and disadvantages to adding more properties in the TID.

Rasmussen motioned to approve the boundary change. Wagner seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

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 EAST RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT AREA RFP AND SUBMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

Never went into closed session.

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

Never went into closed session.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING

Not discussed will be moved to a future meeting.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PHASING FOR THE EAST RIVERFRONT PROJECT

Kordus gave an update to the committee on the phasing. 2015 1st street and parking lots will be constructed. 2016 the shoreline improvements, trail, landscaping, Adirondack area, bike bridge, Warf and WOW will be built. 2017 the public amenities north of WOW and the southern shoreline will be done.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SOLE SOURCE REQUEST FOR DESIGN SERVICES FROM STANTEC FOR EAST RIVERFRONT AREAS INCLUDING THE BATHHOUSE, PARK AND AMENITIES AND UNDER THE BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE

Groat said we can sole source for professional services. Stantec has knowledge of the project and has planned the other phases of the Riverfront so they should plan the last phase.

Wagner motioned to approve the sole source request. Rasmussen seconded and the motion carried 2-1. Neal was the no vote.

ADJOURN

Wagner motioned to adjourn. Rasmussen seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tom Neal, Vice Chairperson