



Economic Development Commission

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021
Held in Village Council Chambers &
Via “GoToMeeting”**

Commissioners Present: Chairman James Kucienski, Vice Chairman James Berger, Maureen Ehrenberg, Tim Garcia, Jennifer Spino, and Leonard Weiss

Commissioners Absent: Myles Berman, Joe Spagnoli, Rivak Albazi

Staff Present: Village Manager Anne Marie Gaura, Community Development Director Scott Mangum, and Management Analyst Jake Litz

Village Board Liaison: Trustee Atour Sargon

1. Call to Order/ Quorum Declaration

Noting a quorum of six members present electronically, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Kucienski at 8:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

The following EDC members were present: Chairman Kucienski, Vice Chairman Berger, and Commissioners Ehrenberg, Garcia, Spino, and Weiss.

3. Minutes Approval

Chairman Kucienski asked the Commission if any edits were to be made to the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes. Hearing no corrections, Chairman Kucienski called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Spino moved and Commissioner Ehrenberg seconded the motion. There was a consensus to approve the minutes.

Aye: Kucienski, Berger, Ehrenberg, Garcia, Spino, and Weiss

Nay: None

Motion Approved: 6-0

4. Local Development Incentives Policy Discussion — Cook County Property Tax Abatement Requests

Community Development Director Scott Mangum provided a presentation on Cook County Incentive Classes as a follow-up to the previous meeting's discussion. He overviewed Class 6(b), Class 7(a), Class 7(b), and Class 7(c) incentives. He overviewed the volume of incentive requests in neighboring municipalities and in Lincolnwood. He outlined previous incentive requests in Lincolnwood specifically. Mr. Mangum asked what the EDC's preference would be related to an incentive request policy.

Commissioner Garcia stated that implementing a friendly policy could be a positive promotional piece for the Village. Discussion on the nature of a potential incentive policy occurred. Commissioners Ehrenberg and Spino concurred that fairness should be applied across the field. They agreed that this should be reflected in a policy. Discussion on previous requests occurred. Chairman Kucienski stated that the Commission had consensus that the "but for" clause be included in a potential policy. Commissioner Ehrenberg stated that ideally, you would be able to influence business practices through a policy.

5. Northeast Industrial District TIF Story Map

Mr. Mangum provided an introduction for this topic. A video prepared by Development Manager Doug Hammel was presented. The video demonstrated the interactive Northeast Industrial District TIF Story Map. Mr. Mangum stated this will be a good marketing tool for potential developers. Commissioner Garcia stated the story map was impressive. Commissioner Spino stated this would be a great promotional piece for the Village. Further discussion on the implementation of the plan occurred. Next steps and potential directions were discussed as well.

6. Biennial Report Follow-up Discussion

Mr. Mangum stated that the EDC Biennial Report was presented to the Village Board. He stated that the Village Board was very receptive to the report and they were thankful for the work the EDC has done. Village Board Liaison to the EDC, Trustee Sargon thanked each of the EDC members for their hard work and dedication. She stated that if there was anything the Village could do to support the EDC, she would be interested to hear that feedback.

7. Other Business

Mr. Mangum provided a brief update on the District 1860 project. He stated that revised plans were received for review. He stated that the developer intends to begin construction this summer.

8. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Ehrenberg moved for adjournment and was seconded by Commissioner Weiss. By consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Aye: Kucienski, Berger, Ehrenberg, Garcia, Spino, and Weiss

Nay: None

Motion Approved: 6-0

Respectfully submitted:

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Fire Department/Community Development