

**MEETING MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
APRIL 20, 2022
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
31555 W ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN T.R. CARR AT 8:09 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: T.R. CARR, LEWIS CANTOR, MARK BRUCKI, MARK ZACHOS, EUNICE JEFFRIES, SAM SLAUGHTER, FRITZ BEIERMEISTER, SCOTT ELLIOTT, SUSAN ARLIN

ALSO PRESENT: Joseph Valentine, Assistant City Manager, Dr. Ken Massey, City Council Liaison, Cristia Brock-way, Economic Development Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Fritz Beiermeister, supported by Eunice Jeffries, to move item 6 to item 5, item 7 to item 6, item 5 to item 7, and to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: CARR, CANTOR, BRUCKI, ZACHOS, JEFFRIES, SLAUGHTER, BEIERMEISTER, ELLIOTT, ARLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fritz Beiermeister, supported by Sam Slaughter to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: CARR, CANTOR, BRUCKI, ZACHOS, JEFFRIES, SLAUGHTER, BEIERMEISTER, ELLIOTT, ARLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 9-0

REPORT/UPDATES FROM

1. City management
 - a. Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director, gave a report on her actions and activities in her role.
 - b. Joe Valentine, Assistant City Manager, reminded the Corporation of the Master Plan Survey that is accessible online for public input. He also informed the members of the board of a sports facilities assessment that will be conducted by a third party consultant.
2. Council Liaison
 - a. Councilman Dr. Ken Massey and Joe Valentine explained how the City is approaching the cannabis industry to make a determination on what may be allowed in the community. The City has engaged with the industry, is open to public opinion, and will be making a determination based on the information gathered.
 - b. Dr. Ken Massey and Joe Valentine briefly discussed the budget meetings Council will be having in May 2022.

BUSINESS

Old Business

1. Innovation Center
 - a. Chairman T.R. Carr gave an update regarding the Innovation Center being governed by a university partner or healthcare provider rather than a 501(c)(3). A university partner would benefit the project as an educational component which is needed for tax purposes. It was also reiterated that the City needs to receive a template on other incubator spaces to make a clear determination on how the structure of the Innovation Center can be most successful.
 - b. Joe Valentine, T.R. Carr, and Mark Zachos discussed financing opportunities and the current financial bond tied to the third floor of the Hawk to ensure the initiative can be carried out accordingly.
 - c. Lewis Cantor provided a presentation on the potential areas in which the Innovation Center could be marketed by using amenities/spaces within the Hawk.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman T.R. Carr and Dr. Ken Massey suggested a Mayoral proclamation to be drafted for Bill Hartsock to recognize his community services and contribution to the Economic Development Corporation

REPORT/UPDATES FROM

3. City management
 - a. Joe Valentine gave a reminder that the Cannabis review sessions will be March 15 and 16 to hear professional industry input. He also mentioned of a joint City Council - Planning Commission meeting on March 21.

4. Council Liaison
 - a. Councilman Dr. Ken Massey informed the Corporation that a brief meeting was held with the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce to see how the Farmington Downtown Development Authority and the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation could operate together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Eunice Jeffries iterated that she hopes the Master Plan Survey is taken and targeted towards younger demographics that will benefit from the City's efforts in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Darlene Ware, public participant, noted that The Observer is interested in writing a story on the Economic Development Corporation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman T.R. Carr at 9:37 a.m.

Minutes Drafted by Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director