

MEETING MINUTES
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, SUSAN ARLIN, EUNICE JEFFRIES, MARK ZACHOS, FRITZ BEIERMEISTER, SAM SLAUGHTER

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ken Massey, Council Liaison, Gary Mekjian, City Manager, Joe Valentine, Assistant City Manager, Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director, Diane Bauman and Jennifer Kaminski, Farmington Public Schools

EXCUSED: SCOTT ELLIOTT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lew Cantor, supported by Mark Brucki to approve the agenda as submitted.
Unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Lew Cantor, supported by Mark Zachos to approve the minutes of August 10, 2022 as submitted.

Unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman T.R. Carr briefly touched on the topic of federal grant dollars and City funding in relation to the Incubator timeline.

REPORT/UPDATES FROM

1. City Management
 - a. Joe Valentine, Assistant City Manager discussed the core areas of study for the Innovation Center which include business models, a 501c (3) configuration, where to acquire equipment and what kind is needed, and funding from the State of Michigan. Mr. Valentine also publicly announced that there will be Cannabis input opportunities on October 3 and October 12.

2. Council Liaison
 - a. Dr. Ken Massey informed the Corporation that there will be a SAFE mental health support event at City Hall providing resources for the public on October 12.

APPROVAL TO RECOMMISSION THE SUBCOMMITTEE, INVESTIGATE GOVERNANCE MODELS, MANAGEMENT, AND PARTNERSHIPS, AND REPORT BACK TO THE EDC AT THE NEXT MEETING.

Motion by Lew Cantor, supported by T.R. Carr to move item for approval.

Unanimously carried.

BUSINESS

1. Innovation Center

- a. Chairman Carr, Mr. Valentine, and Dr. Massey discussed how funds for the Innovation Center were budgeted by the City. Formal requests must go to Council, but some requests may be administrated by City Management. Dr. Massey also discussed the need for organizational management to have a historical record of past and next steps for the Innovation Center. The legal aspect must happen first.
- b. Dr. Massey and Mr. Valentine discussed that more steps need to be taken to understand the process of operating under a 501c(3) at the Innovation Center.
- c. Lew Cantor displayed a PowerPoint that can help market the Innovation Center.

2. School Milage Update

- a. Jennifer Kamanski presented information to the board explaining Farmington Public School's taxpayer request for an increase of .6152. This will be on the November 8, 2022 ballot to be voted on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman T.R. Carr at 9:06 a.m.

Minutes Drafted by Cristia Brockway, Economic Development Director