

**Economic & Commercial Commission Meeting
July 8, 2015**

Members Present

Marty Ward
James Mohler
David Spedale
Dennis Reidy
Chris Shoemaker
Rebecca Palumbo
Kathy Mahoney
Kevin Suggs
Chris Verstrate
Robert Workman

Members Not Present

Jay Walsh
Curt Fiedler

Also Present

Mayor David Seaman, Liaison Trustee

Staff Present

Ivan Baker, Economic Development Director
Nancy Byrne, Commission Secretary

Chairman Ward called the July 8, 2015 Economic & Commercial Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a motion made by Rebecca Palumbo, seconded by Kathy Mahoney, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2015 ECC meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

There was a motion made by Kathy Mahoney, seconded by Rebecca Palumbo, to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting as written. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

Strategic Plan Review – The group reviewed the Goal # 4 Priorities and made agreed-upon revisions as follows:

- 4.1 Change to: Make recommendations to appropriate committees to maintain high quality community standards. Communicate existing regulatory requirements to the business community.
- 4.2 OK
- 4.3 through 4.9 Delete
- 4.10 Change first word to “encourage”
- 4.11 Changed to 4.4 – Change to: Review and make recommendations for updates to the Community Comprehensive Plan.
- 4.12 Delete
- 4.13 Change to: Promote the transition of Downtown Tinley to meet the objectives of the Legacy Plan for commercial and mixed use development.

Discussion Group Updates –

Marketing Group – Review of Business Breakfast – Ivan reviewed the numbers received for the 2016 Business Breakfast and stated that the Odyssey Country Club is \$1,300 less than the Convention Center for the full breakfast. Discussion followed. Marty encouraged Ivan to reach out to the Convention Center to give them the opportunity to meet Odyssey's bid.

A motion was made by Dennis Reidy, seconded by Kevin Suggs, to recommend that Ivan confirm the quotes of \$6,425 for Odyssey Country Club with Rooster A/V services and \$7764 for the Convention Center, and then to proceed with contracting Odyssey unless the Convention Center can meet Odyssey's price. Vote by roll call: All ayes. Chairman Ward declared the motion carried.

Finance Group – Jim Mohler reported that their group talked about the current tax rates for Will vs. Cook County. He noted that the Village portion of the tax bill is only 10 percent. Mayor Seaman stated that the tax levy was frozen for three years and that the Village is not getting any more from property taxes than it did three years ago.

Ivan indicated that a banker's breakfast meeting is being planned for early to mid October. Ivan discussed tax rate comparisons and stated that we must look at incentives in order to be competitive.

Business Retention – No report. Ivan stated that Mary Havener has been great. She has met with over 260 businesses over the last three months.

Real Estate – No report

Trustee/Mayor Update – Mayor Seaman updated the commissioners on the process for choosing a new trustee. He hopes that the selection will be made by August 1st. He stated that the water meter review is ongoing. He also updated the commissioners on current projects.

There was a motion made by Jim Mohler, seconded by Rebecca Palumbo, to adjourn the meeting. Vote by voice call: Chairman Ward declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

<p style="text-align: center;">Reminder Next ECC Meeting August 12, 2015 6:30 p.m. Fulton Conference Room</p>
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