



## **Hammond Economic Development Commission**

### **Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2015**

A meeting of the Hammond Economic Development Commission was called to order at 9:03 am on Monday, May 4, 2015. The meeting was held at the offices of the Department of Planning & Development at 5925 Calumet Avenue Room 315, Hammond, IN 46320.

#### **Members Present**

Richard Blastic, President  
Bonnie Henry, Vice President  
John Vezmar, Secretary  
Monica Rubio, Member  
Victor Franco, Member

There was a quorum.

#### **Others Present**

Phil Taillon, Executive Director of Planning & Development  
Africa Tarver, Director of Economic Development  
Nicole Bennett, Attorney with Westland Kramer & Bennett  
Anne Anderson, Recording Secretary

#### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Blastic at 9:03am.

#### **II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **III. Communications**

There were no communications.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Franco to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2015 meeting; Vice President Henry seconded it. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

### **V. Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **VI. New Business**

Up for new business was the approval of the Development Agreement Among the City of Hammond, Indiana, the City of Hammond Redevelopment Commission, City of Hammond Economic Development Commission and Thruport Intermodal, LLC Re: Redevelopment of East Gibson Yard Project.

Phil Taillon described the 30 acre development; with an initial \$15M investment, phase 1 includes a loop track to repair railcars, with an agreement with IHBRR. Eventually, phase 2 will increase the investment total to \$25M and build a warehouse to store refrigerated railcars, with a total acreage near 150 acres. Thruport Intermodal LLC will be purchasing their own bond. This development will generate tax money for the City, with no adverse effects to the area.

A motion was made by Vice President Hendy to approve the Development Agreement; Commissioner Franco seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously (5-0).

There was no more new business.

### **Public expression**

There was no public expression.

### **Adjournment**

A call for adjournment was made by Commissioner. The meeting of the Hammond Economic Development Commission adjourned at 9:14 am.

Approved and signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.

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RICHARD BLASTIC, PRESIDENT

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JOHN VEZMAR, SECRETARY

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ANNE ANDERSON, RECORDING SECRETARY