



## **Hammond Economic Development Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 - 9:00 am**

- I. Call Meeting to Order**
- II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- III. Communications**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
- V. Old Business**
- VI. New Business**
  - Election of Officers for February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
  - John Vezmar's reappointment by the Lake County Council for the term 2/1/17 - 1/31/21.
  - Economic Development Update
- VII. Public Expression**
- VIII. Call for Adjournment**



# ***PUBLIC NOTICE***

There will be an **Economic Development Commission** meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Planning and Development in City Hall, 5925 Calumet Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor room 315, Hammond, IN 46320.

If anyone is in need of special accommodation for this meeting pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act, notice of said need should be provided to Human Relations, City of Hammond ADA Compliance Officer, at 219-853-6502 at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate citizens when prior notice is given.



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF HAMMOND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
HELD ON January 30, 2017

The Hammond Economic Development Commission held a meeting on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the executive office of Planning and Development, located at 5925 Calumet Avenue, Room 315, Hammond, Indiana.

**Members Present**

President, Richard Blastic  
Vice President, Bonnie Henry  
Secretary, John Vezmar  
Attorney, Nicole Bennett  
Commissioner, Monica Rubio

There was a quorum.

**Others Present**

Economic Development Director, Africa Tarver  
Korellis Roofing CFO, Mary Peters  
Recording Secretary, Gabriela Gallegos

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

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

**II. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**III. Communications**

Ms. Tarver informed the Commission of two events taking place in February. The Whiting Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce Dinner will be held on Friday, February 3, 2017 at Dynasty Banquets at 5:30 p.m. She has two tickets available for this event. Robert's Rules of Order Seminar will be held on Friday, February 10, 2017 at South Suburban College from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$39.00

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

A motion was made by Vice President Henry to approve the minutes as submitted from February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 meeting; Commissioner Rubio seconded it. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

#### **V. Old Business**

There was no old business to report.

#### **VI. New Business**

Up for new business is Economic Development Target Area Resolution for Tax Abatement for 1333 169<sup>th</sup> Street, Hammond, Indiana – Korellis Roofing Inc.

This Resolution considers designating this area as an economic development target area. The approval of their resolution will establish the area as an economic development target area, which will allow the company to apply for an assessed valuation deduction (tax abatement).

A 10 year Tax Abatement will offset some of the owner's financial challenges such as; the acquisition of the new building (former Purdue Building), their expansion and personal property incentives. The overall investment will exceed two million dollars with an anticipated FTE growth of 45 new employees in the next five years. Korellis plans to move their administrative offices into the former Purdue Building and convert their current office to a training center.

After this discussion a motion was made by Vice President Henry to approve the Economic Development Commission EDTA 2017 – 01 Resolution and seconded by Commissioner Rubio. The Resolution attached hereto was adopted by a unanimous vote (4-0)

#### **VII. Public Expression**

There was no public expression.

#### **VIII. Call for Adjournment**

A call for adjournment was made by Vice President Henry and was seconded by Commissioner Rubio. The motion passed unanimously (4-0). The meeting of the Hammond Economic Development Commission adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Approved and signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2017.

Monica Rubio  
~~John Vezmar, Secretary~~

Bonnie Terry  
~~Richard Blastic, President~~

Gabriela Gallegos  
Gabriela Gallegos, Recording Secretary

# Hammond Economic Development Commission

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

City Hall, 5925 Calumet Ave, Room 315, Hammond IN 46320

Tuesday, February 21 2017 - 9:00am

Printed Name

Organization

John Verma

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Africa Tarver

City of Hammond

Bonnie Henry

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VICTOR FRANCO

E.D.C.

Manica Rubio

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