

**East Hartford Economic Development Commission
Town Hall Conference Room
Special Meeting
June 10, 2008**

Revised 7/10/08

1) CALL TO ORDER

- a) A special meeting of the East Hartford Economic Development Commission was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Acting-Chair Debra Arrieta on Wednesday, June 10, 2008

2) ROLL CALL

- a) Present: Chairperson Marilyn Pet; Vice-Chair Debra Arrieta (Acting-Chair); Pat Harmon; Barbara-Ann Rossi; John Ryan;
- b) Absent: Miguel Franco, Chuck Hutchinson, Devorah Johnson, Susan Skowronek,
- c) Others in Attendance: Jeanne Webb, Dir. of Development; Aya Jensen, Economic Development Specialist

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes from May 7, 2008

**MOTION MADE BY MS. ROSSI, SECONDED BY MR. RYAN TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION MADE BY MS. PET, SECONDED BY MS. HARMON TO HEAR ITEM
8a (HOFFMAN MOTORS) PRIOR TO ITEM 5**

8) NEW BUSINESS

a) Hoffman Motors – HX Project – Business Incentive

- i) Sam Pines and Dennis Zelesky of Hoffman Motors spoke before the Commission requesting financial assistance in the form of a tax abatement for the HX Project occurring on Connecticut Boulevard in East Hartford.
- ii) After the representatives from Hoffman excused themselves, the Commission discussed different options concerning the recommended amount of financial assistance to grant Hoffman Motors. It was the Commission's opinion that a figure of roughly \$90,000 to \$100,000 for a total tax break would be sufficient. It was decided that a recommendation would be made in the form of a percentage rather than a whole dollar amount.

**MOTION MADE BY MR. RYAN, SECONDED BY MS. PET
TO RECOMMEND TO THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL THAT A 3 YEAR
TAX ABATEMENT, 20% THE FIRST YEAR AND 10% THE FINAL TWO
YEARS, BE GRANTED FOR HOFFMAN MOTORS.
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

5) LIAISON REPORT FROM PLANNING & ZONNING

- a) Testimony will begin in the coming weeks regarding the adult businesses and zoning in East Hartford.

6) LIAISON REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- a) The EHCC will hold it's annual meeting on June 26, 2008.

7) OLD BUSINESS

- a) Advertising and Promotions Sub-Committee – RFP for Services
 - i) The committee met and interviewed the prospective marketing firms. No date has been set to make the final decision.

8) NEW BUSINESS

- b) Chamber Business After Hours
 - i) This will be held from 5-7pm on June 12, 2008 in Room 4 at the East Hartford Community Cultural Center to be immediately followed by a Blues Concert. Admission is free to those attending the after hours.
- c) Town and Chamber Initiative – Main Street Improvement
 - i) This is being rescheduled

9) ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION MADE BY MR. RYAN, SECONDED BY MS. ROSSI TO ADJOURN
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Currey
Clerk

Cc: Town Clerk
Melody A. Currey, Mayor
Development Department