

**EAST HARTFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 6, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the East Hartford Economic Development Commission was called to order at **6:36 p.m.** on **Wednesday, August 6, 2008** by Commissioner Marilyn Pet, Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

EAST HARTFORD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Present:

Marilyn Pet, Chair

Debra Arrieta

Pat Harmon

Devorah Johnson

Barbara-Ann Rossi

John Ryan

Susan Skowronek

Absent:

Miguel Franco

Chuck Hutchinson

Others in Attendance:

Jeanne Webb, Director of Development

Aya Beckles, Economic Development Specialist

Bill Dokas, President, American Eagle Federal Credit Union, liaison from EHCC

7) OLD BUSINESS

a) Hoffman Motors Tax Incentive

i) Jeff Hoffman, co-owner of the Hoffman Group spoke to the Commission, asking for an assessment freeze for a five (5) year period.

MOTION by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Skowronek to endorse an assessment freeze for Hoffman Motors for a period of three years contingent upon their maintaining their workforce at the present reported level of 262 full time employees.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) July 9, 2008

MOTION by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Arrieta

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4) BILLS LIST

a) **\$100.00 – Clerk**

MOTION by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Skowronek

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **\$868.00 – Connecticut Economic Resource Center**

MOTION by Ms. Arrieta, seconded by Mr. Ryan

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

c) **\$740.00 – Northeastern Economic Development Association**

MOTION by Ms. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Ryan

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

d) **\$975.00 – Jim Coon Studios**

MOTION by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Arrieta

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5) LIAISON REPORT FROM PLANNING & ZONING (Mr. Ryan)

a) A public hearing was held regarding the proposed omission of special permits from I-3 zones

6) LIAISON REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

a) Mr. Dokas , newly appointed, will report at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

7) OLD BUSINESS

b) East Hartford Works Website

i) The Commission approved the required updates needed to expand the website (SEE ITEM 4d)

c) Convention Center – Commissioners’ guided tour

i) Ms. Beckles will speak with Katie Blint, PR Director at the CTCC to set up a tour for Tuesday, August 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

d) Signage Task Force

i) A meeting was held with Rich Boccetti from Cabela’s who is looking for guiding signage for their property.

ii) Ms. Webb will be contacting DECD to ask the DOT to step in as these are state roads.

e) Advertising and Promotions Sub-Committee – RFP for Services

i) No decision has been made. Ms. Webb will contact the 2 agencies, Jim Coon Studios and Avid, and ask that they give presentations to the full Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

8) NEW BUSINESS

a) The Champ Boat races, originally scheduled for August 15/16, 2008, have been cancelled along with any activities associated with this event.

b) Ms. Webb will look into having 125 Riverside Drive host a meet and greet for the Rugby tournament being held at Rentschler Field at the end of August.

9) ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Harmon

APPROVED at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey A. Currey
Clerk

cc: Town Clerk
Mayor
Development Department