
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Thursday, February 17, 2011 - 7:30 a.m. • Community Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fritz Brown; Susan Einspahr; Jim Escamilla; Patti Owens; Bob Miller; Doug Phillips; Nancy Troff; Myra Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Bell; John MacKenzie; Tom Schlueter

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Jerome Kisscorni (EDC Executive Director); John Kneas (Assistant City Attorney); Martha Aills (Special Projects Coordinator); Warren Cook (Business Growth Specialist); Marc Hatton (Redevelopment Project Manager); Eric Kemmer (Redevelopment Coordinator); Tonya Sloan (Administrative Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m. by Chair Escamilla

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Ms. Sloan reported that Ms. Bell, Mr. MacKenzie and Mr. Schlueter had indicated that they would be absent. **Mr. Miller moved to excuse those members; supported by Ms. Willis. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Einspahr moved approval of the agenda; supported by Ms. Troff. **Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 16, 2010: Ms. Einspahr moved approval of the minutes; supported by Ms. Troff. **Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2010: Mr. Kisscorni outlined the activity during the period. Ms. Troff moved approval of the financial statements; supported by Ms. Einspahr. **Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COMMISSION THE EXTENSION OF PA 198 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE 2008-433 FOR KALEXSYN, INC.: Mr. Kisscorni reminded the board that a change in city policy requires that the EDC make a recommendation to the City Commission regarding the extension of PA 198 certificates. This change in policy was enacted to ensure that companies meet the investment and job creation commitments made at the time that the original request is granted. City staff made a site visit to Kalexsyn and found that they have met their commitments. Mr. Miller noted that Kalexsyn is located within the BTR Park, but he has consulted with the City Attorney's staff and does not need to abstain from voting on this issue. **Ms. Troff moved that the EDC recommend that the City Commission grant the extension of the certificate; supported by Ms. Einspahr. Motion approved by roll call vote unanimously.**

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COMMISSION THE EXTENSION OF PA 198 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE 2008-436 FOR HECO, INC.: Mr. Kisscorni reported that staff visited HECO and found that they have met their commitments. He noted that the company is considering buying additional equipment, so they may be requesting an additional abatement in the future. Ms. Troff moved that the EDC recommend that the City Commission grant the extension of the certificate; supported by Mr. Brown. Motion approved by roll call vote unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COMMISSION THE EXTENSION OF PA 198 INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE 2008-517 FOR IMPACT LABEL CORPORATION: Mr. Kisscorni indicated that Impact Label has also met their commitments. Ms. Troff moved that the EDC recommend that the City Commission grant the extension of the certificate; supported by Mr. Brown. Motion approved by roll call vote unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Kisscorni stated that the only board member with a term expiring this year is John MacKenzie, and he is eligible for reappointment. Before the annual meeting of the board, a Nominating Committee needs to meet to make a recommendation to the board regarding that reappointment and the recommended officers for the upcoming year. The Executive Committee typically acts as that Nominating Committee. Ms. Willis moved that the Executive Committee be appointed to serve as the Nominating Committee; supported by Mr. Brown. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:44 a.m.

Tonya Sloan, Recording Secretary

Jim Escamilla, Chair