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INDUSTRIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (IEDC)

Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 – 7:00 a.m.

Wright County Government Center in Buffalo
3650 Braddock Ave NE, Room 1300

Participants who chose to attend remotely joined via Microsoft Teams.

Members: Chairperson Liz Calpas, Vice Chairperson Sarah Kortmansky, Bill Fair, Darek Vetsch, Wayne Elam, Andrew Tapper, Kathleen Massmann

Liaisons: Rachel Leonard, Jim Thares, Marcy Anderson, Jolene Foss

1. **Call to Order**

President Liz Calpas called the meeting to order at 7:06 a.m. Quorum arrived at 7:10 a.m.

2. **Approve of Minutes:**

- a. APPROVED WHEN A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AT 7:10 AM
VICE CHAIR SARAH KORTMANSKY MOVED APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 1, 2022,
MEETING MINUTES. BILL FAIR SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Consideration of Adding Items to the Agenda**

None.

4. **Reports (Verbal Reports):**

- a. Economic Development

- **Prospects List**
- **Project Updates**

Jim Thares, Economic Development Manager, provided an overview of prospects and project updates highlighting square footage, potential new jobs and funding options. Wayne Elam stated the DEED JCF program allows building materials to be ordered and stored up to one year before construction begins, however, the delivery dates of products ordered are 11 months out. Jolene Foss, Wright County Economic Development representative, stated the possibility of loosening these restrictions was brought to the EDAM (Economic Development Association of Minnesota) Government Relations Committee. Brian Hanson presented to the

Committee the impacts of this restriction. He is requesting letters from specific projects be sent to the Government Relations Committee.

- **Building Permits**

Mr. Thares presented a comparison of building activity and valuation of 4th quarter 2020 to 4th quarter 2021. The data showed a \$1.8 million decrease in single family homes, while multifamily homes increased \$14 million. Commercial valuation decreased by \$1.2 million.

The comparison of 1st quarter 2021 to 1st quarter 2022, showed single family home construction increased by \$1.2 million. Commercial showed an increase of over \$400,000.

Construction progress – Due North car wash is now open. Take 5 car wash has not started construction. The Runnings’ expansion is under permit plan review. Lazy Days’ expansion is complete. A temporary CO has been issued to Nuss Trucking. The UMC CO was just issued. Suburban Manufacturing’s 21,400 square foot expansion is expected to begin in late June or July.

- **Marketing IMCP Project (Online Survey)**

Mr. Thares presented the current status of the online survey by AE2S. Marketing Communications plan.

- b. **Planning Commission Agenda (attached)**

Mr. Thares provided an overview of the Planning Commission Regular Meeting agenda scheduled for April 5th, 2022.

- c. **City Council**

Rachel Leonard, City Administrator, presented an update on recent Council actions including BCOL partnership policy, emerald Ash bore program presentation, and award to the 2022 street and sidewalk improvement project.

- d. **Wright County Economic Development Partnership (WCEDP)** – Update by Jolene

Ms. Foss provided an update of BRE highlighting LaPointe MFG.

- e. **Chamber of Commerce – Marcy Anderson**

Marcy Anderson, Chamber of Commerce Director, highlighted the Chamber move to 118 West 6th Street, Suite B.

Ms. Anderson noted the upcoming Riverfest July14-17th.

5. **Tour of New Wright County Government Center – led by Darek Vetsch, County Commissioner, District 2**
6. **Adjournment**
7. **VICE CHAIR SARAH KORTMANSKY MOVED TO ADJOURN. LUKE DAHLHEIMER SECONDED THE MOTION, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 A.M.**

A TOUR OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER LED BY DAREK VETSCH,
DISTRICT 2 COUNTY COMMISIONER, FOLLOWED THE MEETING.

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