

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in the First Floor Conference Room "A" of the County Administration Building, 1840 25th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were members: Chairman William Penney, Banking Appointee; Mayor Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian Appointee; Doug Bournique, Local Industry Appointee; Vice Chairman Peter Robinson, Developer Appointee (arrived 3:10 p.m.); Councilmember Debra Fromang, City of Vero Beach Appointee (arrived 3:15 p.m.); Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee; Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry Appointee; Ray Coniglio, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee; Gary Sullivan, Civic Organization Appointee; Mayor Savage, Alternate, City of Fellsmere Appointee; James Kretsch, and Deborah Segal, Member-at-Large Appointees; and Peter O'Bryan, Non-voting Commissioner Liaison.

Absent were members: Penny Chandler, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC) Appointee; Deborah Mayfield, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointee; Ann Reuter, School Board Appointee; Victor Hart, Sr., Gifford Community Appointee; Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, Member-at-Large Appointee (all excused); and Councilmember Francisco Magana, City of Fellsmere Appointee (unexcused).

Also present were IRC Staff: Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief; Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner; and Terri Collins-Lister, Staff Assistant IV. Others present: Helene Caseltine, Alternate, IRCOC Appointee and Colleen Jeeves, Workforce Development Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Penney called the meeting to order.

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Approval of the Minutes of April 17, 2007 Meeting

ON MOTION BY Mr. Coniglio, SECONDED BY Mr. Carson, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the April 17, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.

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Discussion of a Education Campus at Dodgertown

Mr. Bournique discussed the idea of an extension of the University Florida campus at Dodgertown. Chairman Penney asked Mr. Bournique if he would get a contact name at the University of Florida to discuss the matter further. Ms. Segal felt Dodgertown would not be available, however suggested looking at another tract of land to make available for an educational campus. A discussion followed.

Mr. Robinson arrived at 3:10 p.m.

Ms. Fromang arrived at 3:15 p.m.

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EDD Report – Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, Indian River County Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Caseltine gave an update on Piper Aircraft and noted a financial package would be submitted to Piper's Site Consultants sometime around the first part of June 2007. She opined it was expected that Piper's Board of Directors would review all five of the proposals and perhaps shorten the list to two or three communities. A discussion followed. Ms. Fromang asked for a vote of support from the EDC to take back to the Vero Beach City Council.

ON MOTION BY Mr. Robinson, SECONDED by Mr. Coniglio, the members voted unanimously (12-0) to support the action of the proposed \$50 million package to Piper Aircraft by the Board of County Commissioners and the City of Vero Beach.

UNDER DISCUSSION, Ms. Caseltine gave a brief summary of the proposed \$50 million package.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the proposed financial package for Piper Aircraft and the economic impact if Piper Aircraft left IRC.

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Review of Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) Economic Development Element Objectives – Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner

Mr. Sasan Rohani, IRC Chief Senior Planner, brought to the attention of the EDC the timeline of the EAR. He handed out the revisions to the Proposed Economic Development Element Objectives discussed at the April 17, 2007 EDC Meeting, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He noted the objectives would be reviewed on a one on one basis at each EDC meeting and

discussed Objective 3: Maintain Labor Force Training Opportunities. He added Ms. Colleen Jeeves from the Workforce Development Board assisted staff with gathering information on Labor Force Training Opportunities.

Ms. Jeeves handed out and discussed the 2006-07 Target Occupation List and Occupational Education Matrix, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner reviewed the additions and deletions of the Proposed Economic Development Element Objective Revisions.

Mr. Rogers left at 4:20 p.m.

A lengthy discussion ensued on Objective 1: Low Unemployment Rate.

Mr. Bournique left at 4:32 p.m.

Mr. Schutt discussed a new Objective: High Annual Average Wage. It was decided to change the County's annual wage will be within 10% to 5% of the state's annual wage instead of the national average which would be an annual average wage for IRC of \$35,000.

Mr. Schutt went over Objective 2: Diversified Economic Growth. Mr. Kretsch suggested increasing the number of jobs in the county's target industries by a percentage instead of 800.

A discussion ensued on Objective 3 and Ms. Jeeves mentioned the relationship of the three E's which were Economic Development, Employment and Education in which those three must go hand and hand.

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Other Matters

Chairman Penney told the committee the EDC Taskforce Subcommittee was formed to create a report card to track progress in employment on the numbers and average wages in the targeted industries. He continued the data was invalid because some of the industries do not report the number of jobs and average wages.

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Committee Members Matters

Ms. Caseltine stated the Local Jobs Grant Program Incentives were available at the IRC Chamber of Commerce, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.