

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida. You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and minutes on the IRC website - www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2007. Please note listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were members: Chairman William Penney, Banking Appointee; Vice Chairman Peter Robinson, Developer Appointee (arrived at 3:25); Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee; Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry Appointee (arrived at 3:20); Mayor Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian Appointee; Councilmember Debra Fromang, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Mayor Savage, Alternate, City of Fellsmere Appointee; James Kretsch and Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, Member-at-Large Appointees; Gary Sullivan, Civic Organization Appointee; Ann Reuter, School Board Appointee; Helene Caseltine, Alternate, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC) Appointee, and Peter O'Bryan, Non-voting Commissioner Liaison.

Absent were members: Ray Coniglio, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee; Doug Bournique, Local Industry Appointee; Deborah Mayfield, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointee; Penny Chandler, IRCOC Appointee; Deborah Segal, Member-at-Large Appointee (all excused) and Victor Hart, Sr., Gifford Community Appointee (unexcused)

Also present were IRC Staff: Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief; Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant. Others present: Charlie Wilson.

Call to Order (00:00:10)

Chairman Penney called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Minutes of August 21, 2007 Meeting (00:00:23)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Carson, SECONDED BY Ms. Schlitt-Gonzalez, the members voted unanimously (10-0) to approve the August 21, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.

Economic Report Card – Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Economic Development Planner (00:01:00)

Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Economic Development Planner gave a summary of the Indian River Economic Report Card (August/September 2007), a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office and mentioned some changes to the current version.

Mr. Rogers arrived at 3:20 p.m.

Mr. Robinson arrived at 3:25 p.m.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the Economic Report Card. Mr. Charlie Wilson, Interested Citizen, referred to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistic Report contained in the Economic Report Card and noted the statistics excluded self-employed proprietors and assumed that it was not included in the Indian River Economic Report Card. Mr. Schutt answered in the affirmative.

Ms. Reuter discussed the importance of educational and after school programs in correlation with the Economic Report Card to train students to become better workers for the types of targeted industries the EDC wanted to attract. A discussion followed.

Chairman Penney felt there should be a representative from the Workforce Development Board on the EDC and asked Ms. Caseltine if she would contact them to see if they would be interested in sending a representative.

No action was required.

Update on Retention Efforts for Piper Aircraft – Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, Indian River County Chamber of Commerce (00:36:35)

Ms. Caseltine reported negotiations were continuing with Piper Aircraft and there was no set date of when a decision would be made.

No action was required.

Other Matters (00:42:40)

Ms. Caseltine reported at the August 21, 2007 EDC meeting that a potential business was looking for an existing building in Vero Beach and had

looked at the Liberty building located in Sebastian, however they felt it was not feasible.

Ms. Caseltine told the committee there was a Regional Economic Development Summit scheduled for Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at the Indian River Community College Kight Center in Fort Pierce and EDC members were invited to attend.

Committee Members Matters (00:46:57)

Mayor Coy told the committee, the City of Sebastian at their next City Council meeting on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 would start discussing the City's Economic Development Plan.

Ms. Caseltine mentioned the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Report which was updated every four years was available online for viewing at www.tcrpc.org.

Adjournment (01:01:10)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.