

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, November 20, 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; Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee; Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry Appointee; Councilmember Debra Fromang, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Mayor Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Doug Bournique, Local Industry Appointee (arrived 4:56 p.m.); James Kretsch and Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez (arrived 4:20 p.m.), Member-at-Large Appointees; Ann Reuter, School Board Appointee; and Peter O'Bryan, Commissioner Liaison.

Absent were members: Vice Chairman Peter Robinson, Developer Appointee; Mayor Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian Appointee; Ray Coniglio, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee; Deborah Mayfield, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointee; Penny Chandler, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC) Appointee; Helene Caseltine, Alternate, IRCOC Appointee; Deborah Segal, Member-at-Large Appointee; Jan W. Pagano, Civic Organization 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: Gwenda Thompson, Workforce Development Board and Charlie Wilson, Interested Citizen.

Call to Order

Chairman Penney called the meeting to order. There was no quorum at the time.

Review of Evaluation and Appraisal Report Economic Development Element Objectives – Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner (00:02:14)

Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner, handed out a copy of the Proposed Economic Development Element Objective Revisions based on the discussions

from the May 15, 2007 EDC Meeting, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Ms. Schlitt-Gonzalez arrived at 4:20 p.m.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the Proposed Economic Development Element Objective Revisions.

Commissioner O'Bryan felt the EDC should treat the Proposed Economic Development Element Objectives as a wish list and the details would follow at the policy level. He wondered on Objective 4: Facilitate Economic Development, whether the County should develop another land use designation such as a Bio-Tech or a technology designation instead of just a commercial industry land use designation and suggested removing the word Economic Development and replacing it with an alternative name on Objective 7.

Approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2007 Meeting (00:49:35)

ON MOTION BY Mr. Kretsch, SECONDED BY Ms. Fromang, the members voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the September 18, 2007 meeting minutes as presented.

Ms. Reuter left at 4:51 p.m.

Mr. Bournique arrived at 4:56 p.m.

Update on Retention Efforts for Piper Aircraft (01:19:05)

Commissioner O'Bryan told the committee that the BCC at their November 20, 2007 Meeting approved a Piper Incentive Package which included a request from Enterprise Florida for a commitment from IRC to finance or issue bonds to provide either of the two financial incentive payment schedule options listed in the package, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Committee Members Matters (01:27:00)

A discussion ensued on the Dodgers and the unemployment rate in Indian River County. Mr. Bournique talked about the New England Economic Development and some of the efforts being made. He thought it may be something IRC could look into to be more energy efficient and create more jobs.

Chairman Penney brought up the Tourist vacancy and asked the committee to bring their recommendations to the next EDC Meeting. He also felt there should be representatives from the Workforce Development Board and the Towns of Indian River Shores and Orchid appointed to the EDC. Commissioner O'Bryan stated it would require an ordinance change and would contact the County Attorney's office on the process.

It was determined there would be no EDC Meeting held in December and the next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2008 with the IRCOC Economic Development Division.

Chairman Penney concluded that he had served two years as Chairman of the EDC and for the committee members to be thinking of who they would want to elect as the Chairman at the January 15, 2008 meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.