

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 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/2008. Please note listed at the end of each agenda item refers to time on the recorded minutes.

Present were EDC members: Chairman Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee; William Penney, Banking Appointee; Vice Chairman Peter Robinson, Developer Appointee; Kevin Gould, Manufacturing Appointee; Councilmember Debra Fromang, City of Vero Beach Appointee; Mayor Sara Savage, City of Fellsmere Appointee; Don Wright, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee; Penny Chandler, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC); Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez and Andrew Kennedy, Member-at-Large Appointees; Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry Appointee; Mayor Thomas Cadden, Town of Indian River Shores Appointee; Gwenda Thompson, Workforce Development Board Appointee; Jan Pagano, Civic Organization Appointee; Debbie MacKay, School Board Appointee and Mayor Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian Appointee.

Absent were EDC members: Doug Bournique, Local Industry Appointee; Deborah Mayfield, Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Appointee; Keith Kite, Tourist Industry Appointee; Deb Branwell, Town of Orchid Appointee; James Kretsch Member-at-Large Appointee; Peter O'Bryan, Non-voting Commissioner Liaison; and Victor Hart, Sr., Gifford Community Appointee.

Also present were IRC Staff: Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief; Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner; and Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4. Others present: Helene Caseltine, Alternate, IRCOC Appointee; Joe Griffin, Airport Director, Sebastian Municipal Airport; Eric Menger, Airport Director, Vero Beach Municipal Airport; Charlie Wilson, Media Arts Group; and Greg Vaday, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Call to Order – EDC Chairman Scott Carson (00:00:11)

EDC Chairman Scott Carson called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and introductions were made.

Approval of EDC Minutes of July 15, 2008 (00:00:14)

ON MOTION BY Mayor Coy, SECONDED BY Councilmember Fromang, the members voted unanimously (16-0) to approve the July 15, 2008 minutes as presented.

Presentation on the Sebastian Municipal Airport and the new LoPresti Speed Merchants Facility - Joe Griffin, Airport Director of the Sebastian Municipal Airport (00:03:31)

Mr. Joe Griffin, Airport Director, Sebastian Municipal Airport, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Sebastian Municipal Airport and the new LoPresti Speed Merchants Facility, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the need for a trade or technical school in IRC for aviation.

Review of Economic Development Element Objectives and Policies and the Draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report Economic Development Element – Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner

Mr. Bill Schutt, IRC Senior Planner, told the committee the entire Comprehensive Evaluation and Appraisal Report would need to be submitted to the state by December 1, 2008. He added prior to submitting the EAR to the state, the report would go through various public hearings before the IRC Planning and Zoning Commission in October 2008 and the BCC in November 2008. He pointed out the committee over a course of a year would be given an opportunity to edit the report. He suggested the EDC either maintain or revise the policy.

A discussion ensued on revising Policy 2.6 of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

ON MOTION BY Ms. Chandler, SECONDED BY Mayor Savage, the members voted unanimously (16-0) to revise Policy 2.6 of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

UNDER DISCUSSION, the members further discussed revising Policy 3 through Policy 7.6 of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

ON MOTION BY Ms. Chandler, SECONDED BY Mayor Savage, the members voted (15-1) to revise Policy 3 through Policy 7.6 of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives and Policies. Mr. Rogers opposed.

Ms. Schlitt-Gonzalez mentioned in a prior discussion, the committee proposed to delete Objective 6: Tourism Development of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

Ms. Chandler AMENDED HER MOTION, Mayor Savage AMENDED HER SECOND, to revise Policy 3 through Policy 7.6 and delete Objective 6 of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives and Policies.

UNDER DISCUSSION, Ms. Chandler felt the committee should review the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies in its entirety before deleting Objective 6: Tourism Development. A lengthy discussion followed on whether Tourism Development should be included in the Economic Development Element.

Ms. Chandler WITHDREW HER MOTION to delete Objective 6: Tourism Development from the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies.

Ms. Chandler RESTATED HER MOTION, SECONDED BY Mayor Savage, to revise Policy 3 through Policy 7.6 of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives and Policies and not delete Objective 6: Tourism Development until further review.

UNDER DISCUSSION, Mr. Robinson felt that Objective 6: Tourism Development of the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Policies should be reviewed by the Tourist Development Council (TDC). Mr. Wright felt the Tourist Development Element should be a separate part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Fromang stated as a member of the TDC, she felt Tourism Development was not the role of the committee, but to ensure tax dollars were in compliance with state and local tourism statutes and the monitoring of expenditures and indicated Objective 6 should be left in the Economic Development Element until further review.

THE CHAIRMAN CALLED FOR THE QUESTION and the vote was unanimous (16-0) in favor of the motion.

A discussion ensued on creating a sub-committee to revise the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Polices, then take it to the EDC for approval.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Kennedy to create a sub-committee of the Economic Development Council to make revisions to the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Polices. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

A discussion ensued suggesting a workshop to review Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Polices.

ON MOTION BY Mayor Coy, SECONDED BY Mr. Wright, the members voted unanimously (16-0) to postpone revising the Economic Development Element Goals, Objectives, and Polices until January 2009.

Economic Development Report – Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, IRCOC (01:28:12)

Ms. Helene Caseltine, Economic Development Director, IRCOC, gave a brief overview of the Economic Development Report for September 2008, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office.

Committee Members Matters (01:45:13)

Chairman Carson gave an update on the Aviation Taskforce and concluded Commissioner Sandra Bowden would convey the taskforce to Commissioner Liaison Peter O'Bryan.

Chairman Carson brought up the survey for constructive criticism on improvements to the IRC Planning and Building Departments. Mr. Kennedy gave the committee an update on the *ad hoc* committee to look at ways to improve the permitting process.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.