

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

There was a meeting of the Indian River County (IRC) Economic Development Council (EDC) on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room B1-501 of the County Administration Building B, 1800 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

*Note: You may hear an audio of the meeting and review the agenda and minutes on the IRC website - [www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2011](http://www.ircgov.com/Boards/EDC/2011).*

### **EDC Members Present**

Scott Carson, Real Estate Appointee  
Aundrea Perry, Gifford Community  
Peter Robinson, Local Developer  
Penny Chandler, Indian River Chamber of Commerce (IRCOC)  
Harris Webber, Town of Orchid  
Karl Zimmermann, Member-At-Large  
Jerry Weick, Town of Indian River Shores  
Beth Mitchell, Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce  
Talmage Rogers, Jr., Citrus Industry  
Scott Stradley, BCC Appointee  
Andrea Coy, City of Sebastian  
Doug Bournique, Local Industry  
Claudia Jimenez, School Board  
William Penney, Banking Appointee  
Linda Schlitt-Gonzalez, Member-At-Large

### **EDC Members Absent**

James Kretsch, Member-At-Large  
Jay Kramer, City of Vero Beach (COVB)  
Richard Stetson, Workforce Solutions  
Keith Kite, Tourist Industry  
Susan Adams, City of Fellsmere

### **Others Present**

Helene Caseltine, IRCOC  
Jim O'Connor, COVB

### **IRC Staff**

Sasan Rohani, Long Range Planning Chief  
Bill Schutt, Senior Economic Development Planner  
Terri Collins-Lister, Commissioner Assistant, District 4

## **Call to Order**

Chairman Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## **Approval of the EDC Minutes of April 17, 2012**

Mr. Stradley referred to page 5 of the April 17, 2012 EDC Meeting Minutes and noted a couple of changes. He suggested in the following motion striking out the word *no* to read:

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Bournique, SECONDED BY Mr. Stradley, the Economic Development Council recommends the Board of County Commissioners consider a two fiscal year hiatus of ~~no~~ impact fees for Indian River County.**

Mr. Stradley referred to his statement on page 5 and said “every business” should read “new businesses”; *Mr. Stradley opined the EDC should recommend a hiatus because the elimination of impact fees was an incentive for **new** businesses.*

**ON MOTION BY Ms. Chandler, SECONDED BY Mr. Rogers, the members voted unanimously (15-0) to approve the minutes of April 17, 2012 as amended.**

## **Consideration of a Request from Nylacarb Corporation For a Local Jobs Grant**

Ms. Helene Caseltine, IRCOC, introduced Mr. Scott Cooley, Owner, Nylacarb Corporation. She stated Nylacarb Corporation was a local manufacturer company and has been in operation since the year 1987.

Mr. Cooley pointed out Nylacarb manufactures custom plastic injection molding and currently employs 30 employees. He planned to expand the business which would bring an additional 12 new jobs to the County. He noted 80% of their customers were located in the State of Florida.

Mr. Bill Schutt highlighted the information contained in his memorandum, Consideration of a Request For a Local Jobs Grant, a copy of which is on file in the Commission Office. He indicated Nylacarb's proposed jobs meet the minimum job grant qualification of having salaries above 75% of the County's annual wage (\$25,460.25). He reviewed the grant calculation in the following chart:

Category	Qualified Jobs	Amount per Job	Total
75% of County average wage	11	\$3,000	\$33,000
100% of County average wage	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
150% of County average wage	-----	-----	-----
			\$38,000

Mr. Schutt indicated the total grant amount was \$38,000 and was payable over a period of three years by phase.

Mr. Penney mentioned the IRCOC has a Project Review Committee consisting of local bankers to review material submitted in to Dun and Bradstreet Report on those companies submitting a Local Jobs Grant Application. He said there were no reasons found on why this application should not be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners.

A discussion ensued on whether there would be an expansion of the manufacturing plant and delaying the hiring period if the business was unable to hire for various circumstances.

**ON MOTION BY Mr. Stradley, SECONDED BY Councilmember Weick, the members voted (15-0) to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners to approve a Local Jobs Grant up to \$38,000 for to Nylacarb Corporation payable over a three-year period.**

**Other Matters**

Councilmember Coy brought up the April 17, 2012 meeting where a Councilmember's Alternate was in attendance along with the member and the issue with the voting on the Impact Fees. She felt two elected officials or two individuals from one entity should not be seated at the same table. She suggested the EDC establish a policy which those sitting at the meeting table be restricted to only the voting members along with Ms. Caseltine as the IRCOC

Representative so there would be no question in future meetings on voting. A lengthy discussion ensued on member alternates.

**A MOTION BY Councilmember Coy, SECONDED BY Mr. Roger, the members voted (2-13) to recommend only the primary Economic Development Council member is seated at the meeting table unless the designated alternate was there in their absence. THE MOTION FAILED.**

Councilmember Coy disputed the vote on the following motion at the April 17, 2012 EDC Meeting:

**THE CHAIRMAN CALLED THE QUESTION, the members voted (7-6) to recommend the Board of County Commissioners consider a two-fiscal-year hiatus of impact fees in Indian River County (Mayor Adams, Councilmember Coy, Ms. Chandler, Ms. Jimenez, Councilmember Weick and Mr. Rogers opposed)**

Councilmember Coy stated there were 15 EDC members present at the April 17, 2012 meeting and the vote was (7-6) and anyone abstaining must disclose their conflict to the recording secretary. She felt the vote should be cancelled and the item be rescheduled. A lengthy discussion ensued on the vote.

Chairman Mitchell indicated she had discussed the matter with the County Attorney Alan Polackwich and asked him what the rules in terms of reconsidering a motion. She added Attorney Polackwich's advice was that the committee could not entertain a motion to reconsider unless it was at the same meeting.

Mr. Robinson questioned whether agenda item regarding a two-fiscal-year hiatus on impact fees had been taken to the BCC. A lengthy discussion ensued on why the matter was not taken to the Board of County Commissioners and the process of taking action items to the BCC. Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan told the members he planned to take the agenda item before the BCC at their June 5, 2012 meeting.

## **Economic Development Activities – Ms. Helene Caseltine, IR Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Caseltine briefly mentioned the Florida Department of Transportation's study on how the community would accept the Port of Fort Pierce on whether the community would want to see it go in the direction of more cargo, more commercial or remain the same.

Commissioner Liaison O'Bryan announced the County along with the Treasure Coast Sports Commission signed a three year contract to bring the American Amateur Baseball Congress (AABC) Sandy Koufax World Series to the Vero Beach Sports Village. The AABC World Series would bring up to 20 teams to IRC sometime in late July or August 2012 and up to 25 teams in the future.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.