

City Council City Council Chambers ◊ 524 West Stephenson Street, 3rd Floor ◊ Freeport, IL 61032

MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017 AT 5:45 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Freeport, Illinois, City Council was called to order in council chambers by Mayor James L. Gitz with a quorum being present at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Present on roll call: Mayor Gitz and council members Tom Klemm, Peter McClanathan, Art Ross, Jodi Miller, Patrick Busker, Sally Brashaw, Michael Koester and Andrew Chesney (8).

Also present were the following staff members: Community Development Director Alex Mills, Public Works Director Tom Dole, Fire Chief Scott Miller, Chief of Police Todd Barkalow, Water and Sewer Executive Director Tom Glendenning and City Clerk Meg Zuravel.

There was no legal counsel present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderperson Koester.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderperson Koester moved for approval of the agenda, seconded by Alderperson Klemm. Motion prevailed by voice vote without dissent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

Approval of Resolution R-2017-06:

Resolution to Authorize An Agreement For Services Related to the Tax Increment Finance and Economic Development Consulting Service With Ehlers & Associates, Inc.

NIDA Director Dave Young presented the resolution and stated the committee reviewed and interviewed three firms for Tax Increment Finance and Economic Development Consulting Services. He explained the firm would be responsible for coordinating and leveraging the remaining funds in the TIF areas to support public and private investment and redevelopment efforts. The four TIF's include the Downtown TIF, Lamm Road TIF, West Avenue TIF, and Meadows TIF. The committee selected Ehlers & Associates of Chicago, Illinois as the finalist.

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Alderperson McClanathan noted the finalist was interested in moving forward with the City Centre proposal for implementation and to leverage revolving loan funds for this project. They will be meeting with brokers for this portion of the financial incentives.

Alderperson McClanathan moved for adoption of Resolution R-2017-06 and the Tax Increment Finance Consulting Service Agreement with Ehlers & Associates, Inc. This motion was seconded by Alderperson Ross. The motion prevailed by a roll call vote of:

Yeas: Klemm, McClanathan, Ross, Miller, Busker, Brashaw, Koester and Chesney (8)

Nays: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments at this time.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

s/ Meg Zuravel

Meg Zuravel City Clerk