



CITY OF FRANKLIN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 8th, 2013

Members Present:

H. Lee Hodgen	Vice-President
Ken Austin	Member
Jake Sappenfield	Member

Members Absent:

John Ditmars	President
Tony Wellings	Secretary

Others Present:

Rob Schafstall	Legal Counsel
Krista Linke	Director
Jaime Shilts	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Lee Hodgen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Election of Officers:

Ken Austin made a motion to table the elections until the February 12th, 2013 meeting. Jake Sappenfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election of Legal Counsel:

Ken Austin made a motion to retain Rob H. Schafstall as legal counsel. Jake Sappenfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2012 meeting as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

EDC 2012-07: NSK Corporation:

Ms. Linke stated there was an increase of \$1,845,000 in personal property purchased. She stated the amount originally approved was \$9,440,000 in personal property with a 5% economic development fee approved in 2010 for 10 years. They are asking to revise the amount on the SB-1 form and are asking for the amount to be increased in the 3rd year of the abatement to \$11,285,000 which is a difference of \$1,845,000. If it is amended now, it will be effective 2013, payable 2014. They will have 7 years with the new amount remaining as they are already in year 3. This is their 5th abatement.

Ken Austin made a motion to approve the amount and forward a favorable recommendation to City Council. Jake Sappenfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

EDC 2013-01: JM Stevens Enterprises, LLC:

Jonas Stevens, JM Stevens Enterprises, stated they are requesting an abatement for an expansion to his building occupied by Sergeant Controls. They are proposing to build an additional 4,000 square foot addition on to the facility. Mike Meslin, from Sergeant Controls stated that they overhaul and repair aircraft engines with most of their business being from overseas. They have doubled their business over the past three years. The average shop floor salary is about \$46K and the average office salary about \$70K. They anticipate adding 5 new people this year and have already hired an engineer. They will be adding a couple of college interns this year and will be hiring 3-4 people on the shop floor at an average salary of \$45,000. They expect to continue to grow. They want to add on to help with the growth they're experiencing.

Mr. Stevens stated Sergeant is willing to make a 5 year commitment to stay in Franklin. They are looking for a 10 year abatement. Ms. Linke stated she still needs details on the number of employees and salaries. Mr. Meslin stated there are 2 part time staff, everyone else is full time. Insurance and benefits are provided. He provided a copy of the salary details to Ms. Linke.

Ken Austin made a motion to create the ERA with the 5 statutory requirements being met. Jake Sappenfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ken Austin made a motion to approve a 7 year tax abatement on real property with no economic development fee. Jake Sappenfield seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Other Business:

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted this 12th day of February, 2013.

John Ditmars, President

Tony Wellings, Secretary