



CITY OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 10, 2012

Members Present:

John Ditmars	President
H. Lee Hodgen	Vice-President
Ken Austin	Member

Members Absent:

Tony Wellings	Secretary
---------------	-----------

Others Present:

Krista Linke	Planning Director
Steve Barnett	City Council
Cheryl Morphew	JCDC
Jaime Harshman	Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

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

Election of Officers:

On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Lee Hodgen, the members voted unanimously to elect John Ditmars as President.

On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by John Ditmars, the members voted unanimously to elect Lee Hodgen as Vice-President.

On a motion by Lee Hodgen and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to elect Tony Wellings as Secretary.

Election of Legal Counsel:

On a motion by Ken Austin a second by John Ditmars, the members voted unanimously to retain Rob Schafstall as Legal Counsel.

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by John Ditmars, the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2011 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tax Abatement Filing Fee:

Krista Linke stated they have not come up with anything different other than a flat fee or the Economic Development Fee that has been used in the past.

NEW BUSINESS:

EDC 2011-04: CTC Casting Technology Co.:

Chuck Schiavello, controller for CTC, stated that CTC is a manufacturer of aluminum castings for automotive suppliers. They currently have 57 employees at the Franklin facility. The facility is 183,000 sq. ft. and they generate \$27 million in revenue. They have the option to produce another item at the Franklin facility. To do so, they will have to install 3 additional machines. It will require an investment of at least \$1.3 million in capital and will allow the creation of at least 25 new jobs in the first half of 2012. The jobs would be created in the first half of this year at a rate of \$12.70 per hour. The 3 machines will have to be rebuilt. This is considered Wave 1 and they may also get Wave 2 which would mean more machines and more sales.

Mr. Schiavello stated they are requesting a 7 year tax abatement on \$1,350,000 of personal property, effective for tax year 2012, payable 2013. He stated they do have more room to grow and add machines.

Ms. Linke stated that their average wage is \$26.57 and the county's average wage for manufacturing is \$24.15. Mr. Ditmars questioned if the retrofit of the 3 machines was allowed under the tax abatement. Cheryl Morpew stated that new and used equipment both qualify for abatement. Melting and casting equipment, x-rays and robots are involved in the cost for the rebuilding of the machines.

Ms. Linke stated they should be able to abate the \$1 million as a worst case scenario but she will check with the Assessor's Office.

Action taken on EDC 2011-04: CTC Casting Technology Co.:

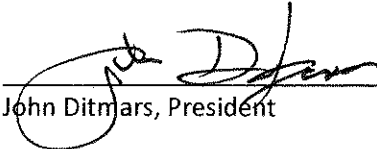
Ken Austin made a motion to recommend approval to the City Council for the 7-year abatement for CTC for on \$1,350,000 for personal property. John Ditmars seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business:

Ms. Morpew stated the City needs to be thinking about declaring Franklin Business Park an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) in order to designate it as shovel ready and stay ahead of other communities. Ms. Linke stated that she'd be willing to start the process along with the assistance of Rob Schafstall. The Board will need to make a recommendation to the City Council to make the designation.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted this 14th day of February, 2012.


John Ditmars, President


Tony Wellings, Secretary