# CITY OF FRANKLIN

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**MINUTES**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**March 13, 2012**

**Members Present:**

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| John Ditmars | President |
| Tony Wellings | Secretary |
| Ken Austin | Member |
| Jake Sappenfield | Member |

**Members Absent:**

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| H. Lee Hodgen | Vice-President |

**Others Present:**

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| Joe McGuinness | Mayor |
| Rob Schafstall | Legal Counsel |
| Krista Linke | Planning Director |
| Jaime Harshman | Recording Secretary |

**Call to Order:**

John Ditmars called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2012 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**C 2012-05 Midstate Manufacturing Corp:**

Krista Linke stated Midstate did not break down the number of employees related to the specific project on the CF-1 form. It appears that the average hourly salary is lower but the number of jobs promised for this equipment does meet the average salary. The used equipment was new to Indiana.

**Action taken on C 2012-05 Midstate Manufacturing Corp:**

On a motion by Jake Sappenfield and a second by Tony Wellings, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**C 2012-06: Electro-Spec:**

Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2008-04.

**Action taken on C 2012-06: Electro-Spec:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-07: Pridgeon and Clay:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2000-08.

**Action taken on C 2012-07: Pridgeon and Clay:**
On a motion by Lee Hodgen and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-08: Overton Industries:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2005-19.

**Action taken on C 2012-08: Overton Industries:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Tony Wellings, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-09: Overton Industries:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2010-20.

**Action taken on C 2012-09: Overton Industries:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-10: Overton Industries:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2001-06.

**Action taken on C 2012-10: Overton Industries:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-11:NSK:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2005-04.

**Action taken on C 2012-11:NSK:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-39:NSK:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2005-10.

**Action taken on C 2012-39:NSK:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-12:Holbrook Manufacturing:**
Discussion was held regarding Holbrook's employment numbers and the lack of explanation provided. Ms. Linke stated that they had 31 jobs this year. This year they are higher than their proposed average hourly salary. It was decided that Ms. Linke would contact Holbrook for more information. She will ask them to attend the next EDC meeting.

**Action taken on C 2012-12:Holbrook Manufacturing:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to table the case pending the receipt of additional information.

**C 2012-13:Superior Essex:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2005-20.

**Action taken on C 2012-13:Superior Essex:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-14: CTC Casting Technologies Co.:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2008-11.

Mr. Ditmars stated that Staff recommends denial as they have not hit any of their objectives other than they are $0.29 per hour above their estimated average hourly wage. Ms. Linke stated that they have also sold a majority of their equipment. They have indicated to Cheryl Morphew that they are headed in a different direction in machinery and have already requested a new abatement this year. In order to revoke their current abatements the case will have to have a public hearing at the City Council meeting. It was decided that more information was needed from CTC at the next EDC meeting.

**Action taken on C 2012-14: CTC Casting Technologies Co.:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to table the case until the next meeting.

**C 2012-15: CTC Casting Technologies Co.:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2007-08.

**Action taken on C 2012-15: CTC Casting Technologies Co.:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to table the case until the next meeting.

**C 2012-16: BCC Products, Inc.:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2007-15.

**Action taken on C 2012-16: BCC Products, Inc.:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-17: BCC Products, Inc.:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2007-07.

**Action taken on C 2012-17: BCC Products, Inc.:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Ken Austin, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-18: Premium Composite Technology North America (PCTNA):**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2009-02.

Steve Tames, Premium Composite Technology, stated they make plastic resins, not injection molding. They started the program in July of 2009. They are a Japanese company and due to the tsunami, their production has been delayed. They are now expected to be at full capacity by the end of March 2013. They are asking for an extension on their completion date to March 31, 2013 on their SB-1 form. They have exceeded their estimated real property investment of $5,350,000 and have spent $6,880,885. They currently have 23 employees and will continue to add employees this year, at least another 16 to be operational 24 hours a day. They do have full intentions of meeting or exceeding their original estimates, they just need more time.

They have invested $7.5 million total in equipment. Some of the equipment was refurbished. All equipment will be operational by March 2013. This is the end of their fiscal year. Mr. Tames explained that they will add an additional line in May and again in October. Ms. Linke stated that the completion date wasn't designated in the resolution and will need to be amended on the SB-1 form. The date is the only thing that needs to be changed. The dollar amounts and equipment are the same.

**Action taken on C 2012-18: Premium Technology North America (PCTNA):**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Tony Wellings, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council for an amended completion date of March 31, 2013.

On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-20: Precision Cutoff of Indiana:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2008-09.

A deficiency statement was included with the case. They are within their estimated completion date for what they have purchased. Ms. Linke stated her concern was if they purchase more equipment, they will need to come in and amend the completion date. Mr. Ditmars stated they are currently in compliance now.

**Action taken on C 2012-20: Precision Cutoff of Indiana:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-21: Trussway:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2005-13.

**Action taken on C 2012-21: Trussway:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Tony Wellings, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-22: Mitsubishi:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2008-02.

Ms. Linke stated that their employment numbers are still below what they anticipated but they have hired 57 employees in the last year. They have also exceeded their equipment expectations.

**Action taken on C 2012-22: Mitsubishi:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**C 2012-24: CLF Cooper Franklin LLC:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2008-17.

Discussion was held on the number of employees and the lower wages. Ms. Linke stated that she believes there may be contract employees that were not reported. Mr. Wellings stated they have also missed their wage amount by almost 30%. Ms. Linke will clarify with them before the next meeting or have them attend the next meeting.

**Action taken on C 2012-24: CLF Cooper Franklin LLC:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Tony Wellings, the members voted unanimously to table the case pending the receipt of additional information.

**C 2012-37: Cooper Tire:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2008-17.

**Action taken on C 2012-37: Cooper Tire:**
On a motion by Tony Wellings and a second by Jake Sappenfield, the members voted unanimously to table the case pending the receipt of additional information.

**C 2012-25: Wertz Timber and Veneer:**
Tax Abatement Compliance Hearing as granted through Council Resolution No. 2006-10.

Ms. Linke stated their employees only work 32 hours a week. She had based their totals off of a 40 hour week. They average hourly wage is actually $11.13. Their equipment cost much less than anticipated. Discussion was held over their lower average hourly wage.

**Action taken on C 2012-25: Wertz Timber and Veneer:**
On a motion by Ken Austin and a second by Tony Wellings, the members voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to City Council to find the company in substantial compliance.

**Other Business:**
Mayor Joe McGuinness stated he has talked to Cheryl Morphew briefly about the economic development fee. He has been meeting with different corporations. Mr. Wellings questioned if the Mayor had met with the new business in the Best Buy building. Mayor McGuinness stated that he is meeting with them this week.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted this 10th day of April, 2012.

John Ditmars, President

Tony Wellings, Secretary