



# CITY OF FRANKLIN

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### MINUTES

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

September 12, 2017

#### **Members Present:**

Jake Sappenfield	President
Josh DeArmitt	Vice President
John Ditmars	Member

#### **Others Present:**

Rob H. Schafstall	Legal Counsel
Krista Linke	Director of Community Development
Julie Spate	Recording Secretary

#### **Call to Order:**

Jake Sappenfield called the meeting to order.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Josh DeArmitt moved to approve the August 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. John Ditmars seconded. The motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **New Business**

#### **EDC 2017-08 Superior Systems & Supply, Inc. – Real Property Tax Abatement Request**

Marty Cooper, owner of Superior Systems, a small low voltage service company taking care of life safety needs, presented an overview of the company started in 1978. They are currently located in Beech Grove and are moving to Franklin. Mr. Ditmars asked about patient wandering. Mr. Cooper explained they make devices frequently for nursing homes for patient transmitters and doorway receiving systems. Mr. Sappenfield confirmed their five current employees with one to be added with the Franklin warehouse build. Krista Linke asked if all employees will make the move, and Mr. Cooper assured they will. Mr. DeArmitt asked if their employment is stable regarding turnover. Mr. Cooper assured they do. Ms. Linke highlighted their on-the-job training efforts. Mayor Steve Barnett added his experience with the company and being in favor of the recommendation, also seeing their potential for growth after moving to Franklin. Mr. Sappenfield suggested a five-year abatement. Mr. DeArmitt thought of a three- to five-year abatement. Mr. Ditmars thought three years would be a good investment though they are not a seven figure investment and would be open to five years. Mr. DeArmitt thinks their main savings will be in the first three years and it not opposed to a five-year abatement. Mr. Schafstall explained that first the commission must find Ms. Linke's staff report points of 5 a-e satisfied. Mr. DeArmitt so moved and Mr. Ditmars seconded. Passed. Mr. DeArmitt made a motion to grant a five-year tax abatement on real property with a two percent economic development fee. Mr. Ditmars seconded. Passed.

#### **Other Business**

None.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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Jake Sappenfield, President

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Ken Austin, Secretary