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Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting Wednesday, July 1, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. via ZOOM

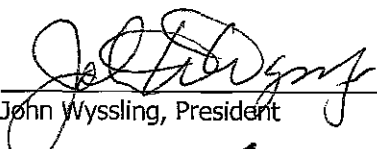
1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Lemke, Joseph		X	X	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Sclafani, Velda	X			
Ramme, Dave	X			
Ruppe, Mark		X	X	
Schonberg, Bob		X	X	
Wyssling, John	X			
Gary Burnett	X			
Quorum	5	4	Quorum	

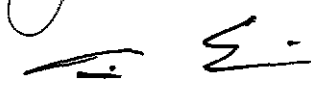
Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Strategist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Ramme to accept the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**
5. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit):
None.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.
7. Items for Discussion and Consideration.
 - A. COVID-19 Business Update: Director Bergman gave an update with the Downtown funding grant through the MEDC. The DIDA applied for it but was not successful in securing funding. He talked about a new grant through the MEDC that the city will be applying for to help businesses in the City of Ironwood. Public safety has been working with business to help them keep their customers and employees safe.
 - B. Update on TIF District for Downtown: Director Bergman said that the City Commission budgeted \$15,000 to provide funding for the development of the TIF plan. The DIDA is budgeting \$5,000 in hopes of getting an MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities grant of \$20,000. He talked about the need to start the TIF district when the property values are at their lowest point. He discussed the need to get buy in from the other local taxing entities as a reason for the lengthy process.
 - C. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment Ordinance Update: Director Bergman stated that the process is starting again. The City Commission is looking at changes to the ordinance. July 27th is the first opportunity for a public hearing and potential adoption. He talked about the City Commission to allow 90 days to allow staff to create policy guidelines after adoption. He brought up nuisance ordinance that will help to reduce odor issues in the City of Ironwood. The Michigan Supreme Court allows municipalities to regulate the Medical Marijuana operations under zoning.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: August 5, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Ramme to adjourn at 10:18 a.m. **Second** by Scafani. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant