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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. via ZOOM

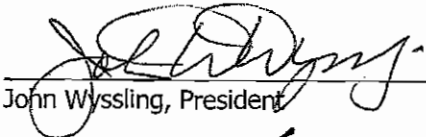
1. Chair Wyssling called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina	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	X	
Quorum	5	4	Quorum	

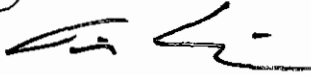
Also Present: Community Development Director Tom Bergman and Community Development Strategist Tim Erickson.

3. Approval of the August 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes:
Motion by Ramme to accept the August 5, 2020 meeting minutes. **Second** by Korpela. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion by Ramme to accept the Agenda. **Second** by Thorsen. **Motion Carried 6 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 said that there wasn't too much to update for future grant opportunities. He doesn't expect the Federal government to provide any stimulus until after the election. Erickson discussed some issues with supply chain for local businesses but also said that consumer demand was up. They also talked about the real estate market.
 - B. Update on TIF District for Downtown: Director Bergman said that the Zoning Ordinance update needs to be completed before the TIF District can be started.
 - C. Adult Use Marihuana Establishment Ordinance Update: Director Bergman said that he is working on the application process. He also said that an odor nuisance ordinance and civil infraction ordinance will be presented at the next City Commission meeting. He discussed a lengthy application process for commercial marijuana facilities.
 - D. Zoning Ordinance Update (Industrial District Discussion): Director Bergman said that they were making progress with the Zoning Ordinance and will be coming to the EDC with some questions and direction. He asked the Corporation if the industrial park should expand to two zoning districts to separate lower impact industrial with higher impact industrial. The EDC discussed the need for both types of activities. They discussed creating a spec building for manufacturing or other light industrial manufacturing.
 - E. Update on Michigan Small Business Restart Grant: Director Bergman said that the City of Ironwood had over 30 businesses that received a grant.
8. Other Business: None.
9. Next Meeting: November 4, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Thorsen to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. **Second** by Ramme. **Motion Carried 6 to 0.**



John Wyssling, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant