



**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room.

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

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Vacant				
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Lehto, Steve	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Corcoran, Kim		X	X	
Raush, Ken	X			
Virshek, Danielle	X			
Ackerman-Behr, Glen		X	X	
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	5	2	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the July 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Motion by Lehto to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Raush. Motion Carried 5 to 0.

4. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Raush to approve the agenda. Second by Virshek. 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. Comprehensive Plan Update: The comment period for boards and committees has wrapped up. Any additional comments will be accepted. The public review will be in November and should be finished at the end of the year. A zoning ordinance audit is currently being conducted and a revision is taking place. Bergman asked if the EDC would be comfortable supporting this effort.

Motion by Virshek to support the letter of support for the grant application. Second by Libby. All in favor. Motion carried.

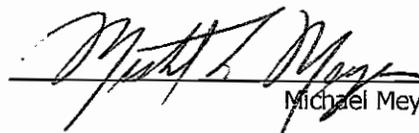
- B. 2025 Goal Strategies:

- Facilitate placement of new home (12 months): Bergman has been in discussion with Build UP to facilitate housing developments in the Upper Peninsula. The City could be the applicant for the MI Neighborhood grant to develop some homes. The EDC is invited to a regional meeting coming up. The City's role as a housing developer was discussed. MI Neighborhood programming was discussed. The need to fund sprinkler systems for multi-unit apartments when ownership changes.
- Regional EDO (ongoing multiyear, regional effort): A strategic plan for a regional EDO is being worked on.
- Access to Surplus Property Information (12 months): Once the comp plan is wrapped up, the city will take direction from these.
- Vacant Property Analysis (12 months).
- Ambassadorship program: No update.
- Prioritization of goals: This item will be removed.

8. Other Business: Director Bergman brought up the creation of a community advisory committee to the college.

9. Next Meeting: October 1, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Lehto to adjourn at 11:11 a.m. **Second** by Libby. **Motion Carried 5 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant