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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2025**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room.

1. Director Bergman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Nomination of Ackerman-Behr for Chair by Corcoran.

Motion by Corcoran to cast a unanimous ballot to Ackerman-Behr elect as Chair. Second by Virshek. Motion Carried. All in favor.

Nomination of Raush for Vice-Chair by Virshek.

Motion by Virshek to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Raush as Vice-Chair. Second by Corcoran. Motion Carried. All in favor.

3. 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			
Raush, Ken	X			
Virshek, Danielle	X			
Ackerman-Behr, Glen	X			
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	7	0	Quorum	

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

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

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

5. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Corcoran to approve the agenda. Second by Raush. Motion Carried 7 to 0.

6. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding Items on the Agenda (Three-minute limit): None.

7. Citizens wishing to address the Corporation regarding items not on the agenda (Three-minute limit): Monica Benson with GCC addressed the EDC to highlight some continuing education classes that the college will be offering.

8. Items for Discussion and Consideration.

A. Comprehensive Plan Update-Goal Setting at December meeting: Director Bergman talked about the timeline for the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Update on Zoning Ordinance Audit and Revision: Director Bergman talked about a grant through Redevelopment Ready Communities to audit the City's Zoning Ordinance. The City also applied to the Office of Rural Prosperity to fund a new Zoning Ordinance.

C. 2025 Goal Strategies:

- Facilitate placement of new home (12 months): The City is still in communication with Cinnaire for a new apartment complex in the downtown. Cinnaire is hoping to submit a proposal and to apply for funding through the state. The City applied for money through MI Neighborhood for rehab but not for a new home. Invest UP would like to partner with the City to fund a new home in the City. Looking into manufactured home requirements was discussed.
- Regional EDO (ongoing multiyear, regional effort): The formation of a new regional EDO is being planned in the region. GCC is the applicant to the Office of Rural Prosperity for planning this organization.
- Access to Surplus Property Information (12 months): The comprehensive plan has the surplus property policy as a goal for the Planning Commission to complete.
- Vacant Property Analysis (12 months): this item is tied in with the Surplus Property Information item.

9. Other Business: Ackerman-Behr asked for the timeline for goal setting for the next year.

Corcoran thanked Ackerman-Behr for chairing the board. She asked for clarification on the requirements for adding people to the EDC. Cinnaire's interest in other sites was asked.

Virshek asked about Starbucks update.

Lehto asked about new development across from the cinema.

Ackerman-Behr discussed the new commissioners.

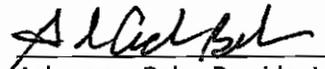
Having more members on the EDC was discussed.

Libby asked about the new downtown entrance sign and was concerned about the visual corridor.

10. Next Meeting: December 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment.

Motion by Lehto to adjourn at 10:47 a.m. Second by Corcoran. Motion Carried 7 to 0.


Ackerman-Behr, President


Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant