

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
February 8, 1993

PRESENT

S. Gionfriddo  
W. Corvo  
E. Pattavina

ABSENT

N. Conaway-Raczka  
S. Shapiro

ALSO PRESENT

W. Kuehn  
L. Ozga  
N. Fromer  
J. Belair  
S. Allison  
M. Levin  
J. Barton  
E. Roberts  
S. Libby  
T. Stein (Press)  
M. Daly (Courant)

S. Gionfriddo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room B-20 of the Municipal Building.

Public Session

E. Roberts questioned when the public will have the opportunity to review the performance of the consultant -- to date, all Committee/Consultant discussions have been held in Executive Session.

S. Gionfriddo responded as long as the Committee is reviewing confidential information, we will remain to hold the Committee/Consultant discussions in Executive Session as recommended by the City Attorney. S. Gionfriddo recommended we skip agenda Item #3 and go on to Item #4.

REINVEST Program

Upon a motion by E. Pattavina, seconded by S. Gionfriddo, the committee voted to continue to table the Pelton's REINVEST loan application -- W. Corvo abstained.

Upon a motion by E. Pattavina, seconded by W. Corvo, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Common Council the approval of a REINVEST loan of \$8,700 to "In Good Taste".

N.E.A.R.

Upon a motion by E. Pattavina, seconded by S. Gionfriddo, the committee voted unanimously to table the \$25,000 economic development fund grant request from North End Arts Rising, Inc.

North End Industrial Area

W. Kuehn reported the North End Industrial Area consultant interviews will be held on February 22, 1993 and encouraged the Committee to participate in the interview process.

S. Gionfriddo stated we will now return to Item 3 on the agenda - Business Retention/Phase II.

At 7:19 p.m., upon a motion by W. Corvo, seconded by E. Pattavina, the Committee voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss the Business Retention Report by J. Belair, Consultant.

At 7:45 p.m., upon a motion by W. Corvo, seconded by E. Pattavina, the Committee voted unanimously to end the Executive Session and returned to the Public Session agenda items.

Downtown Initiatives

As requested by the Committee at the January 11, 1993 meeting, L. Ozga distributed a cost breakdown for all advertising mediums -- not just the Middletown Press -- which also identified types of businesses which would participate and other staff comments.

W. Corvo requested that L. Ozga schedule a Public Hearing on February 22, 1993 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber and invite all CBD businesses to attend and comment on the proposed co-op advertising campaign. The Committee agreed and also requested that L. Ozga prepare a \$10K-\$12K budget for the February 22, 1993 meeting.

Upon a motion duly seconded, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

  
Linda A. Ozga  
LAO/bds

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W. Corvo  
E. Pattavina

ABSENT

S. Shapiro, Chairman  
N. Conaway-Raczka

ALSO PRESENT

W. Kuehn, Staff  
L. Ozga, Staff  
J. Belair, Consultant

Upon a motion made by W. Corvo, seconded by E. Pattavina and voted unanimously, the Economic Development Committee went into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. in Room B-20 of the Municipal Building to discuss the Business Retention Survey as authorized "under a memorandum issued by the City Attorney in October 1992".

There were no votes taken during the Executive Session.

Upon a motion by W. Corvo, seconded by E. Pattavina, the Committee voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

  
Linda A. Ozga

LAO/lmk