

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 9, 1996

Present

G. Daley, Chair
R. Santangelo
J.J. Vinci Jr.
J. Milardo Jr.

Absent

S. Shapiro

Also Present

W. Kuehn Staff
C. Wilcox Staff

G. Daley called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in room 208 of the Municipal Building.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one from the public wished to speak.

MINUTES: No minutes were available for approval at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Economic Development Fund. W. Kuehn informed the committee that the report was for their information, but to note that Liberty Bank owes \$12,500.00 in REINVEST payments which for the first time had not been paid on time.

Memo re: Washington Street Zoning: The memo to Bill Warner in the packet regarding Washington Street Zoning was approved by the Committee.

YCC: The YCC report was submitted for the Committee's information; and to note there was one worker who was taking summer classes and therefore only had half of the time of the others.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Realtors Meeting: W. Kuehn reported on the arrangements for a meeting of Commercial Realtors to be sponsored by the Economic Development Committee and INFORM at Middlesex Mutual; and asked for some funding for the refreshments. R. Santangelo indicated that he was opposed to serving alcoholic beverages including, beer and wine. The contract for the meeting and refreshments is actually between Middlesex Mutual and INFORM and J. Milardo suggested exploring that we have INFORM arrange for the food and beverages. The motion was duly made, seconded and passed to authorize up to \$487.00 for food and refreshments, provided INFORM pay for the alcoholic beverages.

North End Industrial Area: W. Kuehn reported that the paving is finished, the sidewalks are finished, but some curbs are still needed as well as some guardrails. At the Remington Rand building, Marin Environmental has begun the workout for the Phase II Study and will work out a

scope of services which can be bid. He also has written authorization from DECD to ask for new appraisals on the Redwing property based on an income approach. There was discussion about the billboard on the top of the building; and W. Kuehn indicated that his was part of the income approach appraisal. There was more discussion on the city's exposure and whether or not it could proceed or back out on the condemnation.

Other Business. G. Daley read a resolution wishing W. Kuehn a happy birthday. The Committee discussed some general economic development concerns such as rents in the downtown, the food court concept that did not work, merchants not giving bargains, pedestrian traffic, and extra services important to make the downtown work. In general, they looked forward to the Main Street USA concept being put in place with formulas for hours and making the downtown generally more in demand.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Cynthia G. Wilcox

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