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**Proceedings of the Economic Development Corporation Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in the Women’s Club Room.

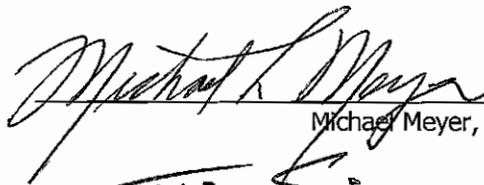
1. Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Recording of the Roll

MEMBER	Present		EXCUSED	NOT EXCUSED
	YES	NO		
Thorsen, Gina		X	X	
Korpela, Nancy	X			
Lehto, Steve	X			
Meyer, Michael	X			
Corcoran, Kim	X			
Raush, Ken	X			
Danielle Virshek	X			
Ackerman-Behr, Glen		X	X	
Libby, Carolyn	X			
Quorum	7	1	Quorum	

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

3. Approval of the April 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
Motion by Corcoran to accept the meeting minutes. Second by Korpela. Motion Carried 7 to 0.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
Motion by Corcoran to approve the Agenda. Second by Korpela. Motion Carried 7 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. Audience with Cathy Tankka of the Ironwood Housing Commission: Cathy addressed the Corporation with an overview of the Housing Commission and how it operates.
- B. Housing
- I. Housing Commission Role: This item was discussed in item 7A.
 - II. Water Study Letter Process: Bergman talked with the attorney about providing this information to the public. The goal is to take underutilized houses to get into use. A developer's guidebook could help with this.
 - III. Substandard Lot Development: Developing substandard lots has become allowed in the new zoning ordinance.
 - IV. Alternative Structure Infill Development: Building Code Requirements: Determining building code to help create alternative infill development.
 - V. Short-term and long-term Rental Issues: A short term rental regulation training. The housing plan may include a short-term rental ordinance.
 - VI. Easy Access to Surplus Property Information: This will be worked on during the housing plan.
 - VII. Vacant Property Analysis: Instead of city owned properties, this item will develop privately owned vacant land. The housing plan will address this.
 - VIII. Blighted Properties Analysis: Getting blighted properties into better condition is the goal. The City has historically applied for demolition funding to help address this issue. Funding available for commercial properties and blighted structures were discussed.
- C. Redevelopment Ready Communities Update: The City of Ironwood is now certified. Bergman gave an overview of the program.
8. Other Business: Raush asked about the Wells Fargo property. The project was not funded but the developer is still seeking other funding. Libby asked about digital signage and the need to prohibit those which the new ordinance does. Libby asked about e bike chargers and if we could get some infrastructure.
9. Next Meeting: June 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
10. Adjournment. **Motion** by Korpela to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. **Second** by Lehto. **Motion Carried 7 to 0.**



Michael Meyer, President



Tim Erickson, Community Development Assistant