

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
JUNE 16, 2008
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chairman Mike Thomas.

2. Roll Call:

Chairman Michael Thomas, Vice Chair Pete Porciello, Corporation Members Rachel Olson, Dan Frank, Adam Lesperance, Dean Atkins, and Council Representative Traci Smith. Absent: None.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, and EDC Attorney John Gormley.

3. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Add item 10c. Arts Grant.

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion passed by voice vote.

5. EDC Regular Minutes of April 21, 2008:

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Smith**, to approve the EDC regular minutes of April 21, 2008 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

6. Accounts Payable:

None.

7. Staff Reports

7a. City Treasurer's Report:

A financial printout for May was submitted for EDC review.

7b. Community Development Director:

A written report was submitted for EDC review.

9. Action Items

9a. Farmers' Market Vendor Fees:

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Atkins**, to invite all food businesses to participate in the Farmers' Market for a free two week trial. Yes: Porciello, Lesperance, Olson, Thomas, Atkins, Frank, Smith. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. Farmers' Market Hours of Operation:

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Porciello**, to change the hours of operation for the Farmers' Market to 12pm to 7pm. Yes: Porciello, Lesperance, Smith, Atkins, Olson, Frank, Thomas. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9c. Meeting Date Adjustment:

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Atkins**, to cancel the EDC meeting for the rest of the year and only have special meetings as necessary. Yes: Smith, Thomas, Porciello, Atkins, Frank, Olson, Lesperance. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9d. Election of Officers:

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Porciello**, to appoint Porciello as Chairman, Atkins as Vice Chairman, Lesperance as Treasurer, Olson as Secretary, and Deputy Clerk Thompson as Recording Secretary. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9e. Budget Adjustments:

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the budget adjustments for the 2007/2008 fiscal year budget as presented. Yes: Lesperance, Smith, Frank, Atkins, Porciello, Thomas, Olson. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Farmers' Market:

Member Porciello asked if Director Aniol is looking into entertainment for the market.

Director Aniol responded that she is looking into it.

10b. 1500 Building:

Member Frank distributed the listing of EDC expenses for the 1500 building so someone else would be able to take over the accounting for it.

Member Porciello commented that he would contact the Habitat for Humanity to see what their plans are.

Chair Thomas asked if the City is planning to have the west side lot paved at the public services building since the City is having the Deer Creek Park parking lot paved.

10c. Arts Grant:

Member Porciello commented that he would like to look into a grant to have the Detroit Symphony perform at the bandshell when it is finished as a free event.

Director Aniol, Member Porciello, and Member Atkins will work on this.

11. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

12. Attorney Comments:

None.

13. Corporation Member Comments:

Member Frank thanked everyone for supporting him in his nine years of service to the EDC/TIFA.

Chairman Thomas presented Member Frank with a Brookshire Inn gift certificate.

Member Lesperance wished Member Frank the best of luck.

Chairman Thomas commented that it is his dream to have a calendar on the City website with all community events listed. He also thanked Member Frank for his service to the EDC.

14. Adjournment:

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Lesperance**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

***THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____