

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
DECEMBER 17, 2007
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 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 Dan Frank, Dean Atkins, and Mary Sapienza. Absent: Adam Lesperance, and Rachel Olson.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, TIFA Attorney John Gormley, Farmers' Market Manager Kris Schlicker, and citizen Carmen Siciliano.

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Frank**, to excuse Lesperance and Olson.

Motion passed by voice vote.

3. Audience Participation:

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Sapienza**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed by voice vote.

5. EDC Regular Minutes of November 19, 2007:

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the EDC regular minutes of November 19, 2007 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

6. Staff Reports

6a. City Treasurer's Report:

A financial printout for November was submitted for EDC review.

6b. Community Development Director:

No report.

8. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports

8a. Farmers' Market:

Chairman Thomas submitted minutes for the Farmers' Market sub-committee meeting for EDC review.

9. Action Items

9a. Adoption of 2008 Meeting Dates:

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Atkins**, to approve the meeting dates and times for the EDC with the time being changed to 7:10 p.m. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9b. Proposal for the Creation and Production of the Williamston Community and Business Assistance Brochure- McKenna:

Motion by **Sapienza**, second by **Atkins**, to agree with the concept of the proposal for the creation and production of the Williamston community and business assistance brochure with some reservations. Yes: Porciello, Atkins, Frank, Sapienza, Thomas. No: None. **Motion passed.**

10. Discussion Items

10a. Farmers' Market:

Chairman Thomas commented that he has reservations about having the Farmers' Market in 2008 because if the City Council lets go of the City Manager and McKenna, and the Farmers' Market Manager does **not accept the position, then there would be a problem with consistency.**

Member Porciello commented that there is also a chance the EDC could run out of money this year.

Chairman Thomas commented that the market has been pretty bad and would suggest holding the market from May 22nd through October 16th from 2pm to 7:30 pm.

Member Atkins commented that he appreciates the financial information but is also not willing to lose taxpayer money on a project.

This will be on the January agenda as an action item.

In the meantime the sub-committee will meet to discuss the status of the electricity, the final job description and alternate locations.

13. Audience Participation:

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

14. Attorney Comments:

None.

15. Corporation Member Comments:

Chairman Thomas thanked Director Aniol for the things she has accomplished.

16. Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

Date Approved: _____