

IDA Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024
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The Town of Orange Industrial Development Authority (IDA) held a meeting at 5:15 p.m., in the Town of Orange Community Meeting Room. Members present were Chairman Robert Higginbotham, Vice-Chairman Harry C. Mason, Jr., Mrs. Dana Amos, Mr. Pat McAloon, and Mr. Steve Sylvia. Staff members present were: Deputy Town Clerk/Secretary Kimberly Strawser, CZA/CMC, Town Attorney Catherine Lea, and Economic Development Manager Anthony Schienschang. Treasurer Dianna Gomez, Town Manager Greg Woods, and Mr. Kevin Reynolds, Sr., were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order. The Deputy Town Clerk/Secretary called roll and noted that there was a quorum present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Mason, seconded by Mr. Sylvia, to adopt the agenda, as presented. On vote, Chairman Higginbotham – aye, Vice-Chairman Mason – aye, Mrs. Amos – aye, Mr. McAloon – aye, Mr. Reynolds – absent, and Mr. Sylvia – aye. The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. James Ratcliff of Whiskey Sticks BBQ appeared before the IDA to discuss his business and interest in the FIG Plus Grant Façade improvement program. Mr. Ratcliff stated that his business would be located at 381 Waugh Blvd.

The IDA Secretary introduced the new Economic Development Manager, Anthony Schienschang. The Economic Development Manager appeared before the IDA and gave some background on himself.

CONSIDERATION OF IDA MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2024

A motion was made by Vice-Chairman Mason, seconded by Mr. Sylvia, to adopt the meeting minutes of August 21, 2024, as presented. On vote, Chairman Higginbotham – aye, Vice-Chairman Mason – aye, Mrs. Amos – aye, Mr. McAloon – abstained, Mr. Reynolds – absent, and Mr. Sylvia – aye. The motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT

The Treasurer was absent. Chairman Higginbotham reviewed the report from the Treasurer that was included in the IDA package.

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DISCUSSION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOAN PROGRAM

Chairman Higginbotham stated that at their last meeting he asked members of the IDA to review documents provided by the Town Attorney regarding a loan program. A discussion was held regarding the establishment of a loan program.

It was the consensus of the IDA to move forward with the establishment of a loan program.

A discussion was held regarding a marque project.

After discussion, motion was made by Chairman Higginbotham, seconded by Vice-Chairman Mason, to earmark the \$101,384 in the CD for an IRB Bond Project over the next three years. On vote, Chairman Higginbotham – aye, Vice-Chairman Mason – aye, Mrs. Amos – aye, Mr. McAloon – aye, Mr. Reynolds – absent, and Mr. Sylvia – aye. The motion carried.

Chairman Higginbotham requested that the IDA review the loan document information provided by the Town Attorney, ideas for loan criteria and loan amounts and be ready to discuss at their next meeting.

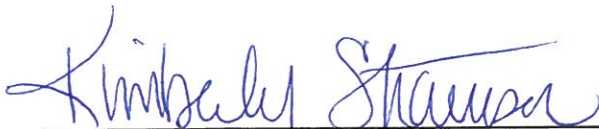
NEXT MEETING

The next IDA meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 5:15 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

FOIA TRAINING – 6:15 P.M.– 7:15 P.M.

The Town Attorney held FOIA training for the members of the IDA.



Kimberly Strawser, CZA/CMC
Deputy Town Clerk/IDA Secretary