

Minutes of Special Economic Development Commission Meeting, 1/15/2020

Meeting called to order at 5:22 by Mayor Nancy Rossi.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: Lelani Perry
Scotti Williams
Ed Voss
Eleanor Slomba
Stefano Coletta
Christine Gallo

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Mayor Rossi spoke about the Charter (as opposed to the statute) to the commissioners. It was mentioned that Planning and Zoning used to run the meetings and simply give the commission updates on ongoing development projects, but the mayor said that we do have more statutory clout and that we should use it.

We are members of the CCM (CT Council of Municipalities) and can make use of this body. The Mayor wants the EDC to be active. The secretary can do the agenda, which must be filed with the clerk's office; public sessions can be held; city council can be addressed - in December/January the EDC is to turn in a report to the city council, also.

The EDC will decide when and how often meetings are to be held and plan the agendas; votes will be held to add items to the agenda.

Tom Hennick is the "Freedom of Information Act Guru" - minutes have to be posted on votes - who makes motion and seconds motion.

Electing chair - Mayor Rossi asked if anyone had a nominee for chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary. Chair needs to call and run meetings.

Christine Gallo was nominated as chair by Ed Voss, seconded by Lalani Perry and passed unanimously. Lalani was nominated as vice chair by Scotti Williams, seconded by Ed Voss and passed unanimously. Ed Voss nominated Scotti Williams for secretary, seconded by Lalani and passed unanimously.

The EDC made a decision to hold meetings every two weeks for the foreseeable future, on Wednesdays at 5:15 in the city council chambers.

Next meeting is January 29th.

Meeting ended at approximately 5:40.

Submitted by Christine Gallo
January 29, 2020