

UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 6:00pm
City Council Chambers

Note: In accordance with Public Act 101-0640 and Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation issued by Governor Pritzker pursuant to the powers vested in the Governor under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, remote attendance was allowed for this meeting to encourage social distancing due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

In Attendance:

Committee Members

Chairman Jackie Milschewski/remote

Alderman Ken Koch/remote (6:04pm)

Alderman Jason Peterson/in-person

Alderman Joel Frieders/remote

Other City Officials

City Administrator Bart Olson/in-person

Assistant City Administrator Erin Willrett/remote

Community Development Director Krysti Barksdale-Noble/remote

Senior Planner Jason Engberg/remote

Other Guests

Consultant Lynn Dubajic/remote

Dave Pollock, Hillside Rehabilitation/remote

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Chairman Jackie Milschewski.

Citizen Comments None

Minutes for Correction/Approval July 7, 2020

The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

1. EDC 2020-33 Building Permit Report for June 2020

Ms. Noble said there were 18 single family home permits and the trend is on pace for next month. She compared the number of permits with the past couple years. No further discussion.

2. EDC 2020-34 Building Inspection Report for June 2020

There were 550 inspections done in June with none being outsourced. Of those, 90% were done by the Building Department and 10% by EEI with most for new construction. No further discussion.

3. EDC 2020-35 Property Maintenance Report for June 2020

Five cases were heard in June with 4 being dismissed due to compliance and 1 was found liable. Ms. Milschewski mentioned a vacant house/property on Heustis St. which has been tagged for a second mowing.

4. EDC 2020-36 Economic Development Report for July 2020

Ms. Dubajic highlighted the following:

1. All new builds are proceeding. Popeyes should open in September with Verizon and Smoothie King after. The fitness center will also continue their project.
2. Cocina Madre is scheduled to open later this week.
3. Manpower will have a new office.
4. Five businesses were eligible for Childcare Restoration Credit Program grants and all received awards.
5. There has been no word on the downstate Stabilization Program.
6. Raging Waves and Gas n Wash have opened.

Alderman Peterson asked about the status of ribbon-cutting for new businesses. One was held recently and they are trying to hold them outside. They are organized by the Chamber. Ms. Willrett said she reports on them in the Admin Weekly report.

5. EDC 2020-37 Hillside Rehabilitation – Sign Variance

Mr. Engberg reported on the background of this request for Hillside Rehab Center and Mr. Dave Pollock was present on their behalf. The sign variance request is due to the recent Rt. 34 widening and is for a new requested location near Game Farm Road and Rte. 34. The sign meets all criteria except height. The actual sign is 6.5 feet, and the city ordinance allows for a maximum of 12 feet. There is a large topography difference at the proposed location and the request is for 23 feet, 6 inches. Alderman Frieders said the city needs to support the existing businesses and voiced his approval. Mr. Pollock noted that existing spotlights may be repositioned to illuminate the sign. The committee was OK with this request and this matter will proceed to PZC for a Public Hearing on September 9.

Old Business: None

Additional Business:

Alderman Koch asked for an update on the lumber mill property. Ms. Noble said she will get this information and respond promptly. Ms. Milschewski asked for accelerated action on this property and she noted an unidentified change on the west side of the building.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 6:14pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Marlys Young, Minute Taker/remote