

**SPECIAL
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 31, 2013
City Hall Conference Area**

Attendees: Aldermen Glen Kuhlemier and Daehle Reitzel, Sandy Henrekin – RFCDC, Karen Reynolds, Bethany Bland – RF Chamber, Jeff Bright, Robbin Blackert – City Administrator, Mayor Blanton, Mark Searing – Building Inspector, and Sylvia Frey

Absent: Chairman Dick Linville

Public Attendees: Alderman Jim Schuneman, Bill Wescott

Roll Call was taken – Quorum was met – Official business can be conducted. Meeting started at 4:00pm.

With Chairman Dick Linville's absence, members appointed Acting Chairman Jeff Bright to conduct this meeting.

Mayor Blanton apologized to the commission members for not having the Mazel agreement available to all of them at January 17th meeting.

Discussion was held among the members regarding concerns pertaining to the responsibilities of the IDC and their decision-making functions without the council's approval. Mayor Blanton stated he had spoken with the city attorney for interpretation/clarification and told the members that IDC can make final approval decisions on IDC controlled property agreements without council action according to city ordinance and city attorney. Members understood this information.

Acting Chairman Jeff Bright stated he has reviewed the Mazel Agreement and expressed no concerns at this time. He stated this agreement would preserve this industrial business' intentions and at the same time, give the city more land for riverfront development in the future.

Karen Reynolds spoke to the members giving her understanding of the general timeframe for this agreement – how it originally became an option for discussion, along with explaining the fact that the jobs (50-60), sales/income taxes and utilities being generated benefit the city. She expressed her concern that with all the discontent being expressed regarding this lease, that this business owner could consider vacating the property which would be a major downfall for the city. Several members expressed the same concern but were told by others that owner didn't have intentions at this time of moving his business. Mark Searing stated when he spoken with the owner he had indicated the possibility of making this leased lot more secure in an effort to curb the possibility of theft of stored materials.

After a lengthy discussion pertaining to additions to the lease, such as: 1) Mazel continuing to pay real estate taxes for their property from 2012 and forward; 2) Robbin Blackert's request to include a 90 days 'written notice' for termination of agreement between both parties; and 3) Alderman Daehle Reitzel's request for code enforcement "screening" as stated in city ordinances; members felt they wanted to discuss these items with the city attorney for further clarification/interpretation before they gave their final approval.

Acting Chairman Jeff Bright tabled this issue until another Special IDC meeting with the city attorney and IDC members can be scheduled in the near future. Once meeting has been established all members will be notified accordingly. Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Chairman Jeff Bright