

**CITY OF EDGEWATER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes
January 7, 2009*

8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert Lott called to order the regular meeting of the Economic Development Board at 8:06 a.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2009, in the Community Center.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Robert Lott	Present
Oscar Zeller	Absent
Eric Caplan	Present
Bob Williams	Present
Tim Howard	Present
Marcia Barnett	Present
Patricia Reid	Absent

Also present were Acting City Manager Tracey Barlow, Planning and Zoning Liaison Pat Card, Planning and Zoning Board member Robert McIntosh, Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Dennis, Volusia County Economic Development Director Rick Michael, Volusia County Economic Development Business Manager Rob Ehrhardt and Board Coordinator Pat Drosten.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2008 were presented for approval.

MOTION by Ms. Barnett, SECOND by Mr. Howard to approve the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2008 minutes as presented:

MOTION PASSED 5-0

CITY AND OTHER REPORTS:

City Manager Update

Mr. Barlow introduced the new City Seal. He also gave an update on ParkTowne Center developments and the Restoration project. He also presented a preview of the City's new website including promotional videos that are currently under development.

Planning and Zoning Board Update

Mr. Pat Card discussed the upcoming P&Z Board agenda.

SEVCC Update

Mr. Dennis gave a brief update regarding the Chambers recent activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Lott introduced Mr. Michael and Mr. Ehrhardt from the Volusia County Department of Economic Development. They gave a presentation including local trends in regard to demographics, workforce, unemployment, foreclosures and migration. Following was a brief question and answer session.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Economic Development Board By-Laws

The board reviewed the proposed changes to the By-Laws

MOTION by Mr. Howard, SECOND by Mr. Williams to send a favorable recommendation to City Council to approve the By-law amendments as presented:

MOTION PASSED 5-0

The Board also discussed the possibility of suggesting additional changes to the By-Laws, particularly in regards to membership. Chairman Lott asked members to review the By-Laws and bring their recommendations to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Vacancies

Chairman Lott informed the Board that Mr. Nelson has resigned due to work conflicts. This leaves 2 vacant positions on the Board. Members were asked to reach out to local business leaders, and particularly individuals in the education field to try and obtain interest in their service on the Board.

The board will make recommendations to fill the vacant positions at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

None at this time

OTHER BUSINESS:

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made and approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Pat Drosten
Economic Development Board Coordinator