

# Community & Economic Development Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
October 10, 2022

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
Community Meeting Room**

## 1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Co-Chair Rose Reynders.

## 2. Roll Call.

Members present at 7:05 p.m. were Dan Kenney, Chris Plouzek, Co-Chair Rose Reynders, Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino and Mayor George Yukich. A quorum was established.

Members Absent: Eileen Crement, Marcy Cuevas and Mike Prodehl.

Also Present: Economic Development Director Janie Patch.

## 3. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

## 4. Public Comment.

There was no public comment.

## 5. Minutes.

Dan Kenney made a motion to approve the CED Committee minutes of September 12, 2022, seconded by Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino. Voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. *Motion Carried.*

## 6. Old Business.

## a) Review of Business Assistance Programs: SOP 7 Sales Tax Economic Development Incentive Policy.

Director Patch reported on a staff meeting with Finance Director John Sawyers to discuss how best to specify eligibility based on CED Committee input from the September 12 meeting. The meeting was also attended by the CED Co-Chairs Rose Reynders and Ruben Pazmino as well as Manager Carmen Maurella. The Finance Director recommended limiting eligibility to retailers generating a minimum of \$10 million in annual taxable sales. He recommended against using a tiered structure to specify eligibility between small and large businesses. A redlined copy of SOP 7 incorporating the Finance Director's recommendation was presented to the Committee for discussion. Director Patch added several other proposed revisions to improve text clarity and style in the relined copy.

Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino remarked that SOP 7 is for large sales tax generating businesses. The building grant program can assist small businesses.

Dan Kenney noted that The Phoenix receives a sales tax rebate incentive and is now applying for an improvement grant.

Co-Chair Rose Reynders stated that some existing business owners are asking why the sales tax rebate incentive was not offered to them when they opened. The understanding regarding sales tax rebates has been that this type of incentive is for large businesses.

Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino indicated that the grant program does not distinguish based on size of business and is open to both large and small businesses. Dan Kenney reiterated that grants can help small businesses and sales tax rebates can assist large businesses.

Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 7, seconded by Dan Kenney. Voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. *Motion Carried.*

7. New Business.

a) 2023 CED Committee Meeting Dates.

Chris Plouzek made a motion to approve the CED Committee meeting dates for 2023 on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Dan Kenney. Voice vote taken, all in favor, none opposed. *Motion Carried.*

8. Director's Report.

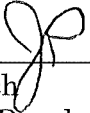
a) Economic Development Activity Update.

Director Patch provided updates on the drafting of an RFP to hire a land planner for a new town center; activity for the Building Grant Program; and, the upcoming ribbon cutting for Crystal Healing Studio on October 26.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino, seconded by Dan Kenney to adjourn. *Motion carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Janie Patch  
Economic Development Director