

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the  
Jasper Economic Development Commission**

June 26, 2017

The Jasper Economic Development Commission met on Monday, June 26, 2017, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street. Notice was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Meeting Law.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Andrew Seger called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

President Andrew Seger	present
Vice President Robert Whitten	present
Secretary Mark Schmidt	present
Member Peter Ariens	present
Member Ray Snowden	present
 Renee Kabrick - Commission's Attorney	 absent
Kathy Pfister – Recording Secretary	present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Peter Ariens made a motion to approve the Commission's minutes as presented from its May 15, 2017 regular meeting. Ray Snowden seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

**TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION FOR KIMBALL HOSPITALITY PERSONAL PROPERTY**

John Kaufman, Vice President of Global Operations, presented a power point in a request for approval of a tax abatement application Kimball Hospitality is seeking on a \$4.4 million investment the company plans on making into its 16<sup>th</sup> Street facility under the project titled Kimball Hospitality 16<sup>th</sup> Street Realignment Project. Plans are to install state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment to automate some of the labor currently performed by employees, such as moving product from station to station. The project would facilitate more U.S. manufacturing for Kimball Hospitality. Much of the manufacturing is currently done at a plant in Asia. Mr. Kaufman said the company is also exploring options in Mexico.

It was pointed out in the proposal that the changes would lower the company's employee count from 220 to 210. Although a decrease in employees, with more adaptive and improved customer experience, Kimball Hospitality is optimistic of a continued growth in the market, which could lead to more local jobs in the future.

After some discussion, the Commission scored

	<u>Points</u>
• New Investment in Property and Equipment:	29
• New employment: number of full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs	0
• New employment wage level:% above state minimum wage	0
• Infrastructure requirements already in place:	
Adequate road	1
Water	1
Wastewater	1
Electric Service	1
Gas	1
• Years the applicant has operated in Jasper	5
<b>Total base points (out of 100)</b>	<b>39</b>
• Targeted business bonus points	2
• Utilizes 'green' technology	2
• Use of existing vacant structure	0
• Offers Employer-sponsored health and wellness benefits	2
• Offers Employer-sponsored retirement plan	2
• Community Involvement	1
• Use of local suppliers/contractors in construction/operation of project	1
• Offers mentoring/internship program	1
<b>Total point with bonus points</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Number of Years Recommended for Tax Phase-In</b>	<b>6</b>

Peter Ariens made a motion to recommend that the Common Council adopt the presented tax phase-in score sheet and local guidelines, resulting in a 6-year abatement with a 6-year time period and schedule as follows: Years 1-3 – 100%, Year 4 – 75%, Year 5 – 50% , Year 6 – 25%. Ray Snowden seconded it. Motion carried 5-0.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no more discussion at hand, a motion was made by member Pete Ariens and seconded by Secretary Mark Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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Andrew M. Seger, President

ATTEST:

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Mark R. Schmidt, Secretary