Milwaukee County

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Meeting Minutes

Economic and Community Development Committee

Chairperson Supervisor Lynne DeBruin
Clerk: Linda K. Durham, 278-4225
Research Analyst: Glenn Bultman, 278-5276

Monday, October 24, 2011 | **9:00 AM** | **Room 201B**

REVISED

Call To Order

Present 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - 2

1 **INF 11-489** From the Director of Economic Development, a verbal report relative to items in the County Executive's 2012 recommended budget regarding economic development. (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Attachments: ATTACHMENT
Audio ECD 10/24/11

APPEARANCE(S)
Brian Taffora, Director, Economic Development
Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8th District
Supervisor James (Luigi) Schmitt, 19th District

Mr. Taforra provided comments relative to the Revolving Loan Fund. He advised that a new capital project is created in the County Executive's 2012 recommended budget to contribute funds to the newly created Milwaukee County Economic Development Corporation of which 80% would be deposited into a Milwaukee County Revolving Loan Fund and 20% would be allocated to a non-profit agency managed by minority group members and principally serves minority group members. Financing would be provided from anticipated land sale revenue.

Considerable discussion with questions and comments ensued.

The Committee expressed concerns relative to the references Mr. Taforra made to Racine's Revolving Loan Fund program and raised questions relative to the success of that program, as well as how long they have been in existence. The Committee also requested more details as to why Racine is being used as a benchmark.

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

2 **INF 11-492** Discussion of an amendment (1B002) to the County Executive's 2012 recommended budget relative to the "Workforce and Economic Development Fund." (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

Attachments: ATTACHMENT
Audio ECD 10/24/11

APPEARANCE(S):
Earl Buford, Executive Director, Big Step

Supervisors Biddle and Lipscomb provided comments relative to the proposed subject amendment.

Mr. Buford provided a general history of Big Step and also provided comments relative to the proposed subject amendment.

Supervisor Schmitt expressed concerns relative to the County contributing $1 million. He stated $1 million is too much.

Supervisor Jursik commented that this program is being presented to the wrong governmental agency. She advised that she does not agree with this program being presented in the budget as a new directive when the County is not dealing with the their own mission statement. She suggested giving this to MATC.

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

RESOLUTION - 1

3 **RES 11-601**

A resolution to create an Economic Development Fund in order to develop sustainable jobs and new tax base in Milwaukee County. **(Referred to the Committees on Economic and Community Development and Finance and Audit)**

Sponsors: Biddle Sr., Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr. and Mayo Sr.

Attachments:
RESOLUTION
FISCAL NOTE
Audio ECD 10/24/11
CB Resolution
Audio F&A 10/27/11
Amendment

APPEARANCE:
Glenn Bultman, County Board Research Analyst

Supervisor Thomas offered the following amendment offered a friendly amendment to delete lines 67-69 of the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause and insert the following language: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Economic Development Fund will establish and maintain a depository account with a minority-owned bank that has a physical presence in Milwaukee County. The amendment was approved by a voteof 7-0.

A motion was made by Supervisor Lipscomb Sr. that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Lipscomb Sr., Johnson Jr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

REAL ESTATE - 2

4 **INF 11-463**

From the Manager of Real Estate Services, DTPW, reporting on the status of 2011 excess property sales. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHEWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:
REPORT
ATTACHMENT
Audio ECD 10/24/11

APPEARANCE(S):
Craig Dillmann, Manager, Real Estate Services

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

5 **INF 11-470** From Graef, submitting an informational report regarding the Grading and Drainage Easements for UWM Innovation Park **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: Graef Letter.pdf
Audio ECD 10/24/11

APPEARANCE(S):
Craig Dillmann, Manager, Real Estate Services, DTPW
Phil Pine, City of Wauwatosa
John McCarthy, Graef USA

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

COMMUNITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS - 3

6 **11-433** From the Director, Community Business Development Partners (CBDP), requesting authorization to submit the triennial Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFYs) 2012-2014 airport concession opportunities. **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation, Public Works, and Transit and Economic and Community Development.)**

Attachments: REPORT
REVISED REPORT
RESOLUTION
FISCAL NOTE
CB Resolution
Audio TPWT 10/19/11 Part 1
Audio TPWT 10/19/11 Part 2
Audio ECD 10/24/11

APPEARANCE:
Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners

A motion was made by Supervisor Weishan that this Action Report be CONCUR WITH THE COMMITTEE ON Transportation and Public Works. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Lipscomb Sr., Weishan, Romo West, Thomas, Biddle Sr. and De Bruin

Excused: 1 - Johnson Jr.

7 **INF 11-457**

From the Director, Community Business Development Partners, informational monthly update on departmental waivers. **(INFORMATION ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: REPORT
ATTACHMENT
Audio ECD 10/24/11

APPEARANCE:
Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

8 **INF 11-464**

From the Director, Community Business Development Partners, 2010 DBE Achievement Report. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: REPORT
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Audio ECD 10/24/11

APPEARANCE(S):
Freida Webb, Director, Community Business Development Partners
Mark Phillips, Contract Compliance Manager, Community Business Development Partners

At the Committee's request, Ms. Webb will provide an informational report in December regarding the minority business loan fund.

This item was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN

Adjournment

Length of Meeting: 9:05 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

Linda K. Durham
Committee Clerk

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for this Committee is December 5, 2011. All items must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on November 21, 2011.