

## MINUTES

### Community and Economic Development Commission Village of La Grange

January 22, 2015

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

A meeting of the Community and Economic Development Commission was held on January 22, 2015 in the Lower Level Conference Room of the Village Hall at 53 South La Grange Road, La Grange, IL and was convened at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Russ Riberto.

Present: Commissioners Wimbush, Palmer (7:03 p.m.), Tussing, Sher, Carlson, Stiles (7:05 p.m.) and Chairman Riberto.

Absent: Commissioners Reich and Williams.

Also Present: Village President Tom Livingston, Village Clerk John Burns, Village Trustee Liaison Mark Kuchler (7:02 p.m.), Angela Mesaros, Assistant Community Development Director and Joyce Gomolinski, Community Development Clerk

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On motion by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Tussing, the Minutes of the December 4, 2014 Community and Economic Development Commission meeting were approved as amended.

#### **III. BUSINESS AT HAND – DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED SALES TAX WITH PRESIDENT LIVINGSTON**

Village President Tom Livingston discussed with the Commission the referendum which will appear on the ballot for the April 7, 2015 election. He explained how the Board of Trustees chose the sales tax referendum and the ramifications to the Village budget depending on its passage. The Board intends to use the tax monies to help with infrastructure improvements such as storm water management projects, sewer and utility projects as well as the economic development initiatives which the Board of Trustees feels the CEDC should pursue (parking, South La Grange Road Business District).

At 7:54 p.m. President Livingston departed and brief discussion was had regarding the sales tax referendum and potential sources of revenue such as video gaming.

A motion was made by Commissioner Palmer, seconded by Commissioner Carlson that the Community Economic Development Commission be in favor of the increased sales tax as proposed in the referendum and also in favor of the rollback of the restaurant tax of at least .75%.

Motion to APPROVE Carried by a roll call vote 7/0/2.

AYE: Commissioners Wimbush, Palmer, Tussing, Sher, Carlson, Stiles  
and Chairman Riberto.  
NAY: None.  
ABSENT: Reich, Williams.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**V. NEXT MEETING:**

A brief discussion regarding setting a meeting schedule resulted in the recommendation to meet on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. after the election and the outcome of the referendum vote is known, allowing Village President Livingston to review the Commission's next steps. Director Benjamin and Chairman Riberto will create an agenda.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Community and Economic Development Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Tussing and seconded by Commissioner Palmer that the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Joyce Gomolinski  
Community Development Clerk