

MINUTES

Village of Westmont
Regular Meeting
Economic Development Committee
September 2, 2015, 9:00 am

Westmont Village Hall Executive Session Room
31 West Quincy Street, Westmont, IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Addington called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2. Roll Call

Jim Addington, Chairman- present
Ron Gunter, Mayor - present
Bruce Barker, Trustee - absent
Harold Barry, Trustee - absent
Bob Scott, Resident Representative - present
Nancy Martens, Citizen Representative - absent
Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk - absent
Corinne Beller, Citizen Representative - present
Jamie Reilly, School Representative - absent
Kevin Carey, School Representative - present
Frank Brady, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Forssberg, Chamber Executive Director - present
Bill Kalafut, Business/Resident Representative - absent
Larry Kaufman, Director of Fire Prevention Bureau - absent
Steve May, Village Manager - present
Gregg Pill, Business/Resident Representative - present
Bob Fleck, Landscape Architect - absent
Thomas Mulhearn, Police Chief - present
Dave Weiss, Fire Chief - present
Jill Ziegler, Community Development Director - present
Larry McIntyre, Communications Director - absent
Steve Riley, Deputy Chief - present
Mike Ramsey, Public Works Director - absent
Joe Hennerfeind, Building & Code Official - present
Nick Weinert, Building Commissioner - absent
Ed Richard, P & Z Chairman - present
Rose Gross, Administrative Assistant - present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Minutes

The Minutes from the August 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Gregg Pill to accept the minutes and seconded by Frank Brady to approve the minutes.

5. Old Business updates

A. 19 W. Ogden Ave.

The variance for Woodgrain Pizzeria is 60 parking spaces. They will have 54 seats and twelve employees.

B. Jimmy's Citgo

Cleanup in process. Cars have been removed and the property is looking better.

6. New Business

A. Pompei Restaurant

Mike McKillip gave a presentation on re-opening Pompei Restaurant located at 200 W. Ogden Avenue. Mr. McKillip was originally looking to be an investor when Pompei opened last year, but backed out due to disagreements with current owner. Mr. McKillip will have a lease and license agreement with the owner. Mr. McKillip is very community oriented and wants to use as many local resources as possible. He introduced his General Manager Ray Mejia. Mr. Mejia brings 30 years experience in food management and worked for Portillo's most of his career. Mr. Mejia spoke of following the Portillo's service philosophy with service being his #1 priority. Carryout and having a potential drive-thru in the future were mentioned. Hours will be 10:30 am - 9:30 pm when the restaurant reopens, and they are hoping to have Grand Opening around Columbus Day. Planning on taking the top 5 items from the Pompei menu on Taylor street. There will be no video gaming on site, but a liquor license will be applied for. Will have a banquet area, and possibly close one day a week, Sunday, for banquets only. Mr. McKillip is also working with an online specialist regarding social media improvements.

Comments: Discussion regarding the possible drive-thru and where it would be located. Also discussion on a liquor license being issued if they wanted to open on October 12th, Columbus Day. No vote, this was discussion/presentation only.

7. Other information

A. Economic Development listing sheets & GIS commercial maps

New maps are being worked on. Attached to the packet are the current maps in process. The map concentrates on the business/TIF district. Has property information for potential businesses in Westmont. This will eventually be online.

B. Westmont Economic Development Partnership Marketing & Project Updates

Napleton Porsche -

Parking lot looks good. Porsche has taken over the Lamborghini building at 209 E. Ogden Ave.

There has been interest in a Haunted House requesting to be located at 63rd Street and Cass Avenue.

C. Next Tour - will be on October 14th, 2015. Jewel and potentially Westbrook Market grocery store

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am

Future meeting date and time: October 7, 2015 at 9:00 am