



## **Economic Development Commission Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
Lincolnwood Village Hall  
Council Chambers  
6900 N. Lincoln Ave.  
Lincolnwood, IL 60712**

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Jennifer Spino, Robert Garcia, Rivak Albazi, Maureen Ehrenberg, Richard Sloan and Leonard Weiss

**Commissioners Absent:** Chairman James Kucienski and Vice Chair James Berger

**Staff Present:** Community Development Director Scott Mangum, Planning and Economic Development Manager Doug Hammel, Community Development Intern Aspen Walters, Community Development Coordinator Marcos Classen, and Trustee Mohammed Saleem

### **1. Call to Order/ Quorum Declaration**

Noting a quorum of six members present, the meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

With the Chair and Vice Chair absent, Commissioner Ehrenberg moved to appoint Commissioner Albazi as acting chair for the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Spino

**Aye:** Ehrenberg, Spino, Garcia, Albazi, Weiss, and Sloan

**Nay:** None

**Motion Approved:** 6-0

### **2. Minutes Approval**

Acting Chair Albazi asked the Commission if any edits were to be made to the July 26, 2023 minutes. Hearing none he asked for a motion.

Commissioner Ehrenberg moved to approve the minutes and Commissioner Spino seconded the motion. There was a consensus to approve the minutes.

**Aye:** Ehrenberg, Spino, Garcia, Albazi, Weiss, and Sloan

**Nay:** None

**Motion Approved: 6-0****3. Discussion Tax Exempt Property Analysis**

Community Development Director Scott Mangum discussed the staff memo and revised interactive map which attempts to control for differences in the amount of open spaces such as forest preserves, lakefront, and natural areas across municipalities, which would impact the percentage of tax exempt properties within the municipality. After removing greenspaces, the remaining percentage of tax exempt land within the Village of Lincolnwood changed from 10.3 percent to 6.1 percent, however, the Village remained 24th lowest in comparison to other communities.

There was discussion about how much revenue was produced by properties in Lincolnwood versus other municipalities. The consensus was that the tax exempt analysis generally answered the original question about where Lincolnwood ranked among other communities, and that future analysis could focus on the amount of properties within commercial areas in Lincolnwood that are tax exempt or underutilized.

There was a suggestion to better promote available properties and businesses through the website and newsletter.

**4. Development Updates**

Mr. Mangum provided an update on tenant improvements at District 1860, including the opening of Fat Rosie's. He also noted discussion of the former Whistler's site at the Village Board Committee of the Whole as a result of a Text Amendment application to allow a college/university.

**5. Other Business**

Commissioners expressed interest in additional events and festivals within the Village and other ideas to create Lincolnwood as a destination.

**6. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

**7. Adjournment**

Commissioner Sloan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weiss.

**Aye:** Sloan, Weiss, Spino, Ehrenberg, Garcia, and Albazi

**Nay:** None

**Motion Approved: 6-0**

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 am**

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Mangum  
Community Development Director