

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
CO-CHAIR – COUNCILMAN ROBERT S. WEINER
CO-CHAIR – COUNCILMAN JOSEPH M. REDA**

Minutes

TUESDAY, May 27, 2008

5:00p.m. Meeting

City County Building

800 N. French Street

8th Floor Conference Room

1. Call to Order: 5:02pm by Councilman Weiner. Council members in attendance : Co-Chair Joe Reda, Councilman Clark, Councilman Sheldon, Councilman Smiley, Councilman Cartier, Councilman Powers, Councilman Street, Councilman Tackett, Councilman Bell, Councilman Hollins, Councilwoman McClellan.
2. Adoption of minutes :
Motion to adopt by Smiley. Second by Reda. All in Favor
3. Speaker: Karl Kalbacher, NCC Director of Redevelopment. The Department of Land Use and Office of Redevelopment will provide an update on a “*Consolidation Of Employment Related Uses Within The OR, BP And I Zoning Districts*” Ordinance. They will also provide an update on APG BRAC recruitment efforts.
Speaker Kalbacher discussed the above listed ordinance draft. Taken the UDC Use Designation Tables in the UDC and changed the limited uses of some of the districts to allow different uses in these districts to develop greater development in these districts. Mr. Kalbacher asked whether Council supports the direction that the Redevelopment office is taking regarding this ordinance.
Comments by President Clark revealed that the current table of uses in weak and the changes in the use table will try to attract additional uses for economic development.
Mr. Kalbacher advised that our manufacturing jobs are not in Delaware and are heading south. If you have a lot of I zoning, and are not getting I uses, we should change the use designation to allow other uses such as office. Comments by Councilman Tackett who had questions about the designations. Mr. Kalbacher identified the changes and explained all of the uses and their changes.
Question by Councilman Smiley stated that he felt that the ordinance may be increasing the prohibition to certain uses in certain districts.
Charles Baker, LUGM advised that the changes in the use tables will not affect any of the current plans on file for development.
There was open discussion on the uses that may be available for the new designations.
4. Speaker - Sarah Willoughby - Executive Director - Greater Wilmington Visitors and Convention Bureau (GWVCB) - will discuss the GWVCB's role in economic development and in recruiting APG BRAC companies and families to New Castle County.
Councilman Weiner introduced Sarah Willoughby, Greater Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau, Executive Director, E-mail SWilloughby@wilmcvb.org , Tel 302-295-2216 . Ms. Willoughby identified the marketing efforts of the GWCVB to attract development to New Castle County. There was open discussion by members of Council.
5. Speaker – Co-Chair Councilman Joseph Reda – Will discuss Ordinance 2008-048 To Revise Chapter 6 (Building And Structures) Of The New Castle County Code Regarding The Licensing Of Contractors
Councilman Reda discussed changes made to ordinance by substitute #1 and how the changes will affect the application of the ordinance. The changes to the ordinance were in response to question posed by Council at the previous meeting. Councilman Reda advised that this ordinance has generated approximately \$1.8 million in application fees. Councilwoman McClellan thanked Mr. Reda for his responsiveness to Council concerns and proposed changes to this ordinance.
6. Public Comment : NONE
7. Adjournment: Motion by President Clark. Second by Smiley. All in favor.