

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

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The City Council As A Whole meets this day at 6:00 o'clock P.M., in the Conference Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Council President John J. Lombardi, Councilman Patrick K. Butler, Councilman Joseph DeLuca, Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo, Councilman Miguel C. Luna, Councilman Peter S. Mancini, Councilwoman Carol A. Romano and Councilwoman Balbina A. Young – 8.

ABSENT: Councilman Ronald W. Allen, Councilman Luis Aponte, Councilman Terrence M. Hassett, Councilman John J. Igliazzi, Councilman Kevin Jackson, Councilman David A. Segal and Councilwoman Rita M. Williams – 7.

(Subsequently Councilman Igliazzi and Councilman Segal join the meeting)

Also present are Michael McMahon, Executive Director, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation; Carol Grant, Chief of Operations; Louis Soares, Manager, Small Business Services, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation; Victor Barros, Jr., Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation; Michael R. Clement, City Clerk and Sheri A. Petronio, Assistant Clerk.

PRESENTATION FROM MR. MICHAEL MCMAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RHODE ISLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, REGARDING VARIOUS STATE PROJECTS AND HIS VISION FOR PROVIDENCE.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: The three things are confidentiality, cost effectiveness, and process, that's what business wants to focus on and I also want to get into a very important point which is who is the person who has been on the council the longest.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Right there.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: You're looking at me.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Twenty-two.

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: Twenty-one.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Twenty-one going on twenty-two.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Who's next?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Me.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: How many?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Nineteen.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Who's next?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Councilwoman Young.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: How many?

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG: Fifteen.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Who's next?

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Councilman DeLuca and

Councilman Mancini.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Who's next.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Councilman Luna, eleven months.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Who's next?

COUNCILMAN BUTLER: Me.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: How many years councilman?

COUNCILMAN BUTLER: Fifteen. Five on the council and ten with the city.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: You're five years with the council.

COUNCILMAN BUTLER: Yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: I'm sorry.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: You people should be very proud and if you look at particularly the people who have been on the longest. What Providence was when you got involved and what it is now. The building blocks are here and we do not have to do a lot of the basic building blocks. What we have to do is take what's here and now make something out of it.

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COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: What you have to do is we have to develop what used to be our downtown many years ago because it has shifted.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Let's talk about some of the things that we are doing. First of all we got a lot to build on and we have what the types of workers who are going to provide good jobs in the future, the type of environment they want to be in and whether you call it the technology worker or the worker of the future we got the right area. In fact we have agreed to on the city's behalf to participate in a study which is called the Young and the Restless and it takes that mythical twenty-two year old or thirty year old worker and why would they want to be in a certain type of city and with a good company. It's Portland, Oregon, it's Austin, Texas and Seattle. We are in that league now and let's not forget it so that one thing that we are going to do. Second is and we were talking a little bit about it, the downtown area. We are at a crossover point in my judgment where we have something like just under 3,000 residents who live in the downtown area and somewhere around four or five thousand you start to get enough mass where you're going to have in addition to just restaurants, you're going to have supermarkets, you're going to have laundry areas, things that really make the downtown a full livable area so we are there, the pieces are there. Now the other thing is that we have a number of high profile projects that hopefully will come on time and undeveloped and whether that is GTECH, Masonic Temple or Rising Mills because there is nothing like success to breed success. So from EDC's point of view to the extent that we can help through the approval processes, through whatever glitch comes up. I mean that's something that we want to work with you. All knows that when people come to our store we try and make the right call to get the right thing done. Same thing, you are going to know when there are problems probably before we are. Give us a call and we can work under the circumstances. Now let me talk a little bit about some things that we are doing and thinking about away from the downtown area because Providence is not just downtown we know

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that and if we are not successful in the rest of Providence, we're not going to be successful at all.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: We're talking about neighborhoods now Mike?

MICHAEL MC MAHON: We're talking about neighborhoods but again my perspective is economic development. What I want are good jobs and good places for jobs. All of the social issues thank goodness they got people like you and others who can deal with it because that's where the game is going to be won and lost but what part can we play. There are a whole host of people and it isn't just a Providence issue who for whatever reason didn't make it through the K through 12 educational process or they came in from another community and we can't ignore them. This is not all about CCRI, Bryant, Brown, URI and Johnson and Wales, this is about kids who have to figure out how to get a good first step on the economic ladder to somewhere and it isn't just kids, I mean it's people who want to re-position their careers and their life. So what my view is you breed success by success so we pick one area where we are going to focus initially and see if we really can make a difference and as you know GTECH as part of their arrangement here agreed to move a call center business to Providence and we are going to use that as an initial customer to build a very high value at the call center and it's really a call service center. There are a two types of call centers, there's outbound and there's inbound. Outbound is people who call you at dinner time and try to sell you something you don't want and inbound is where somebody has a problem. There is a 711 in Tulsa, Oklahoma and the GTECH powerball machine doesn't work and if GTECH doesn't get that up and running within one hour they have got a problem, they have to pay a penalty. So that's a high end problem and the people who man those call centers have to be at a level of sophistication that's relatively high. So by focusing on that type of business is what we are really saying to the people who make it through the program now you have a skill set that you can go

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on to do many other things. Some of them may need to stay and work at this service center and some of them may need to go on working for a company but it really is a ladder to somebody. So we put together a partnership with GTECH and we are talking about a sight in South Providence where Narragansett Electric used to run a call center in their existing facility and we will get it up and running quickly and then we also have to get into work force development and this is a very tough business because I say to people if you look at what is the skill to be successful you have to have the management, a combination of Mother Theresa and General Patten because you're really trying to change social skill issues as well as business issues and we have been able to put together a partnership of people who actually have those skills. So hopefully we will get that up and running and if we can get it up and running in one location we can build it out in other locations throughout the communities and one of the things we want is people to be able to walk to work and you want to make sure that you have daycare, bus transportation, all the other things that help people get to work because the number one problem at that level is if something happens in their lives and they don't show up one day then they slip off that line of the ladder so that is one of the ideas we are focusing on. Other things, Joe Newsome was kind enough to take me out back in February and show me what his community was like and really one of the things that looks obvious and he pointed out was the vacant lots and another thing that was obvious is the kids sitting on the stoops in mid day and one of the thoughts we have and this one we haven't found the magic partnership yet so I would look forward to your encouragement is how could we fashion something, a partnership let's say the trade unions where we can do training and building affordable housing on these vacant lots. So there are lots of people who are good that are building houses on vacant lots, the issue is the volume of activity given the access to the funding. There are lots of people who are good at training but how can we put them together and I know there are programs out there that are working so let's figure out how

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we can get more muscle behind them because that's a win. The second thing in the report is we have to continue to hold onto the Fleets, the Citizens, the big companies because they provide good jobs and they also are very supportive of the community activities. So I want to give you the governor's personal assurance that it's a high priority for him and that we are working to try and make sure that the merger is not going to have a negative impact on the City of Providence. Another issue and again it's painfully obvious, we are now in a position where we have a number of discussions with companies who want to either expand in Rhode Island because they are already here or locate to Rhode Island and we are talking about Providence locations but guess what? We don't have enough Class A sights. In fact these types of companies they are like a GTECH, they want to be in a new building that's wired with the latest technology and they want a certain type of footprint that allows you to have a lot of workers on one floor. So one of the things we need to do is facilitate the creation of Class A sights and it's not just a Providence problem, it is a problem throughout the whole state because some people want to be downtown, other people want to be in the north, some people want to be near the airport so one of the things that you can see is the way it's trying to jump start some of that development and we do have a couple of projects that we are thinking about and working on in Providence. Let's go into other areas of things we are thinking about in fact doing something about that has an impact on Providence and one of those is farmers markets. Now you say why would we worry about farmers markets in Providence. Well, two reasons, number one the open fields in Rhode Island is one of the ways to keep the farmers on their land to make sure they have a better margin and one of the ways to have a better margin is to encourage to sell directly. So we need to encourage farmers markets and also giving the ethnic makeup of Providence why not have instead of one big farmers market a series of ethnic local neighborhood farmers markets where people are encouraged to actually deliver food that people want and then you take it to the

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next step which I was at the Champlin Foundation yesterday and they were talking about farms out in the rural area where you can take people from Providence, get them out to these farms, they can find the land, grow what they want to grow and then actually almost have their own purpose so why can't we do that. I think really that was all I wanted to sort of outline. What I really want to do is listen and you tell me what we need to be doing that really is going to make the difference to you and your constituents in the city.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Carol, is there anything you want to interject here as some point?

CAROL GRANT: Thank you Mr. President. Mike has been a great partner to the city and has been great about picking up the phone to ask to make connections and he has an idea about affordable housing to say who do you know that is working with the CDC's in the city so all I can say that it's great to have somebody at the state who is as knowledgeable about economic development and is supportive of the whole state but very much including Providence and you couldn't ask for a better partner. The other thing as you all know we currently have a search underway for a very, very small city economic development federally funded staff which will be I think a great opportunity to complement and we worked with Mike to figure out whatever we do in the city works completely in sync and obviously this will be a city person who's passion is going to be the city.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Thank you, any questions?

COUNCILWOMAN DI RUZZO: I just want to add to something you just said with regard to this economic development. As you know we've had economic development in the Department of Planning & Development but all the years that I have been involved in the city they have had very little money to service the business people in the fashion in which they should be. So it has not been successful as a result of it because they were never provided enough funds to help our business people in our neighborhoods, that are conducting businesses in our

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neighborhoods. So along with what your thoughts are in that regard I hope that you are thinking of funding them in an appropriate fashion and perhaps the state could help us in that regard because we just don't have it.

COUNCILMAN DE LUCA: I just want to make a comment that it is certainly a wonderful thing to build new economic bridges throughout the state, it's needed. It is just as important I think that your office needs to have an individual assigned to mending the old economic bridges to avoid losing Channel 10, to avoid losing the Autocrat plant up the street from our farmers markets, the Armor Ham Factory, Universal Optical right around the corner that had probably 2,000 people working there. Right now Narragansett Electric is packing it's bags and moving somewhere from the Melrose Street plant. We lost Calise's Bakery and we lost Cross Pen. What we have lost, I mean if you continue to let the bridges behind you burn and you build new bridges you still have the same amount of bridges. So I think your offices needs to be creative in somehow keeping a track whether it be an annual questionnaire to considerable size businesses so that you have an idea of how satisfied, how successful, unsuccessful, if your office could be of any help to existing businesses let alone new ones not that you should disregard new ones we want that but I think it is just as important to take care of the old bridges as the new ones.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: If I could interject. It's not just as important, it's more important because Marketing 101 you take care of your existing clients first and if you look at again think where we put our resources initially I agree with you entirely. We are not going to win every battle but we are going to fight most of them so people have said why would you go out of your way to keep Brown and Sharp here because that's 270 jobs, good jobs and they are going to be positioned for the future. The message we want to deliver is this is not about landing the big fish, this is about keeping the pond healthy with the fish that are already here and Louis is the prime driver for that.

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LOUIS SOARES: I am running an initiative called every company counts which is a small business initiative designed to take many of the service providers especially public sectors that already support small business in Providence and around the state and help us communicate better with the small businesses regarding what they actually need from us. One of the challenges that has risen over the years is that we are not communicating well enough with the small businesses. We have the resources to help them but they don't know about them and part of my job is simply to help that communication happen and also to help EDC do quality assurance on those services so that we make sure that we are checking in with the businesses that are here and we make sure that the services they are giving are being effective in helping.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Thank you. Just a dovetail question? What are we doing to assist the existing or upstart minority owned businesses where there may be a language problem or a communication problem. Are we doing anything specifically for that?

LOUIS SOARES: I think Victor can speak about that.

VICTOR BARROS: We are making sure that we got all our material. We are making a concerted effort with agencies in all of our urban communities to make sure that our minority business community is being serviced particularly our Hispanic business communities which are the fastest growing sector in Providence and in Rhode Island in general. We are making sure we have basically the same service that we offer all small businesses in Rhode Island but we are making sure that we have it tailor made so that language barriers will not prohibit businesses.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Maybe what we need to do is maybe recognize and identify the business groups. I know Charles Street I think has one, I think Silver Lake and Federal Hill and you may want to start plugging into them because they are very active in the local neighborhoods.

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COUNCILMAN LUNA: I want to tell you we haven't been using Economic 101 in the City of Providence especially when it comes to the South Side. How many employees do you call in a small business?

MICHAEL MC MAHON: We use a 100 or less. The SPA uses 500 or less.

COUNCILMAN LUNA: When it comes to our neighborhood that doesn't make any sense for our neighborhood because the small businesses in our neighborhood what they do is they employ family members. There was something in the newspaper just a couple of days ago about the small businesses and I still don't understand why do we keep focusing on humungous corporations coming with like 20,000 jobs when it still seems like and I think it was who said a few months ago that a small business is the future. How come we are not building on that.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: We are because if you take the 20,000 jobs and again we've got goals, 16,000 of that 20,000 are going to come from companies that are already in Rhode Island. Out of that 16,000 at least 6,000 to 8,000 are going to come from small businesses so that is a very important part of where we are going to get those jobs.

COUNCILMAN LUNA: And how does this idea relate to the community at the state level and it comes down to some of the city level relates to the neighborhood itself because my concern is that there are going to be some ideas generated so this is a topic that ideas will be generated way up there on the clouds and there is no connection with the neighborhood where those ideas are supposed to be implemented. So the neighborhood has a lot of good ideas and they have a vision of what should happen in the places that they are. There is nothing that works with that and I'm really concerned about this, I'm for jobs don't get me wrong, you know and I am for it but I'm really concerned about how all these ideas generate in some parts of the government. There is no connection whatsoever with the cities and in the neighborhood.

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Councilman Igliazzi joins the meeting.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: You're right and again I think Louis and Victor can speak to that because our strategy is not a top down strategy, our strategy is a bottoms up. You're right, most of the good ideas are going to come to what I refer to is our clients and our clients are the people in the neighborhood who are actually growing their businesses and whether the neighborhood is in Providence or the northern part of the state, that's where we are going to get the good ideas from. So when Louis was talking about leveraging community organizations whether they are Chambers of Commerce, Neighborhood Associations and Women Minority Business Associations, there are a lot of good organizations in this state. What we want to do is be their partner because we want them and again Louis is saying people don't know the resources because the resources aren't just the states resources. Many of the best resources are the private sector resources that are there dedicated to serve these business leaders. So we have to figure out how we listen to the people who know what the problems are and know what the good ideas are and then help make things happen.

COUNCILMAN LUNA: I just don't want to see a good development where people who have been in this neighborhood who have been trying for a long time when a good thing comes to them that they are going to have their facility. That's what I'm very concerned about, that they get displaced because there is no room for them.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: I think Mr. Soars wanted to at least attempt to explain that.

LOUIS SOARES: Thank you Mr. President. I believe that Victor's initiative and I will let him address that but his initiative is entirely based on working with neighborhoods and cities and towns to build the economic development strategy. Every company counts and there is a broad communications network at the center of that and one would be the Chamber of

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Commerce in this state including the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce so there will be an Advisory Board for this initiative. However, that is part of the way that we want to keep ourselves informed. Our goal is to stay connected to the people who are the primary function in small businesses and to have a regular communication with them so we know whether or not we are doing a good job and I know that Victor's initiative is designed that way entirely.

COUNCILMAN MANCINI: Councilman DeLuca mentioned seven or eight businesses that are either leaving or who left the city or the state and way back Julian Street was huge in the City of Providence, my whole family that's where they worked. Have we looked to see why exactly they left. I know we had things like the high cost of utilities, union influence, the cost of doing business and the un-education work force. Have we looked at that and are we doing anything about it.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Here is the good news and the bad news. We sat down and worked very hard to come up with a business plan for the state. There are plenty of good jobs, community enrichment and for all of those things that have started. Interestingly I went back and there was a business plan in 1968, 1975, 1983 and 1995 and guess what? A lot of the issues you just raised that we knew were going to have a negative impact we knew it then. A lot of the solutions to work to solve those problems we knew it then. What we lacked is the political will to get some of the more important things done, so yes I think we have a reasonably focused view of where we can win and where we can lose. We are subjected to the forces of the global economy, timing is clearly an issue in this and we have to figure out how to get in front of that wave not to allow it to crash on us and this is one of the more interesting points that I have found in this job.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG: Michael, I'm glad you mentioned SPDC and Joe Newsome because I was glad to see you there at the ribbon cutting at 17 Gordon Avenue because that is one of the oasis we call in the wilderness. People

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thought is was never going to happen and it did happen and it took an extraordinary effort, four years running around getting money from everyone under the sun which shouldn't happen in my opinion. It should be something where we could get help from the state and the city that could stream line that entire process. I mean if you replicate what happened there over an over again with our abandoned buildings that's going to be part of what's going to bring this city back so that is a unique opportunity for us to see what happened there and how that can be generated in other places. You talked about affordable housing being built on vacant lots with young people being in training, that's a wonderful concept.

However, all of our CDC's don't play the same game, most of them I think are rental units and affordable housing and most of them haven't got it yet. I think if we really want to build this city back and stabilize it we are going to have to talk about home ownership. We just can't be putting rental units, subsidized units all in one concentrated neighborhood because it has been a pattern, it's been for the last twenty years in the South Side. If it is going to be the South Side then that should be a shared responsibility of all the neighborhoods and all the cities and towns and not just Providence. It's a way to really look at that and what we are talking about and what we have right now in Councilman Aponte's ward and my ward are the Barbara Jordan Apartments. They are the most mismanaged, most undesirable, unfriendly, unhealthy place that you could raise a child and where you would want to live, that's how bad they are and as we sit right here now HUD is contemplating giving these same people another twenty year extension, the management company to continue to bring our neighborhood down. We have no sidewalks, no trees, no backyards, you have a fence around your house but your entrance way there's not an open gate there you have to go twenty feet down because they don't plan things right, they don't really care or you have windows falling on the people or security people going into their houses and doors that have no locks and roaches and rats and other problems, it's a disgrace. So when we talk about affordable housing they

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have to look at home ownership because if you look at our neighborhoods that's going to stabilize a lot of communities and there are certain pockets of communities and neighborhoods that have very little ownership and in my opinion that's done by design and there is a plan to keep it that way. To keep certain neighborhoods that take on families with AIDS, they take on the SPCA, they take on everything, group homes so there has got to be some balance if you're going to make sure that neighborhood is a whole and have some equality and I just don't see it happening. We on the South Side have taken on more than our fair share of the entire state in that one neighborhood. If you look around that neighborhood and you see all the programs, social service programs that we have allowed to come into our neighborhood and support and embrace us it just can't keep happening there and there are programs that keep looking around and if they look around right now they are looking for more social service programs to put in that tiny area. I think homeownership has got to be what we look at next and now there is no one, absolutely no one doing homeownership on the South Side but me. I'm doing it in the 11th Ward with my project area committee. We have created Blackstone Street and Dudley Street, twenty-two new homes, single family homes and we have a waiting list and we are about to do a dozen more. People love these homes and they are cheaper than rent. These houses are cheaper than renting right now and we knew that would happen. You can go in there and buy a house for a lot less money. We have down payment assistance that we created, all things in place but why do we keep promoting this rental mentality and then we have RIHMFC who should be helping the fight and helping us make it better, they are making it worse. All they want to do is continue this mentality of rental units when they should be leading the fight for homeownership and organizing that and a lot of these CDC's in our community do only exclusive rental in Providence but they don't even sell homeownership. The exact same ones or some place else out of the City of Providence doing homeownership but not here. Now I think we

really need to see that balance and this state may have to take a leadership role in making sure that people are given an opportunity if they choose to want to own something they have that choice and not stepping into a city of renters that they may not want.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: I couldn't agree with you more and I just have to see a fair share by the rest of the state. Another named non-urban person called me up and said you know we need economic development, where're caught between a rock and a hard place of taxes and school costs and all that kind of stuff. I said fine, great news again as Louis has pointed out and his is grass roots we are not going into any community from the state and telling them what to do, they have to ask us and I said fine but I'm going to have some linkage with affordable housing and he said no that belongs in Providence. Oh well, when you change your attitude give me a call and then let's work together so you understand what is going on.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG: But a lot of affordable housing right now in my opinion is a scheme because eventually there are houses that they say are affordable that will no longer be affordable. That's why I think homeownership is so important because it will be that you can live here but you have to pay \$1,000.00. The same ones that are affordable five or ten years down the road will no longer be affordable and then you are going to see neighborhoods changing dramatically. Well, if you own something you can stay there as long as you pay those taxes.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: And you benefit from the upswing.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG: Yes you do.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI: I was just wondering. Providence, there is going to be a lot property being freed up near 195. Is your department looking and it's not developing ideas for that. For example, not just simply residential but some kind of additional businesses, hotels, something. I mean I know in the grand scheme I mean I know there are certain rights that both the city and the state has to

prior owners but I mean is your department starting to look at that. It is going to free up many acre's of fine property and if you're overlooking the bay area which is going to be extremely economically viable.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Councilman, before you arrived I sort of reiterated what I thought was the things that we need to get into a working relationship and there were three things. Confidentiality, cost effectiveness and process so coming back to the confidentiality I just want to say that first of all to answer your question, yes you're absolutely right. That's an area where again we talked about game changers. That whole waterfront is a game changer for this city and yes we have thought a lot about it and yes we hope to be able to come back to you with some specifics in the not so distant future but until we get all the pieces together you know we can't get into the details. Again, I do not want to give the message that all EDC cares about is the downtown because as I said earlier if we don't strengthen the communities the downtown is not going to be strong whether you say where is the game changer in downtown you put your finger on it. So the answer is we thought about it and hopefully we will be able to show some results.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG: Just a statement. I would like to make sure those council members who represent the waterfront are included in any processes and 195.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Councilwoman Young he got the memorandum in bold print that's why he is here this evening.

COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG: Thank you councilman.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI: You said you were putting together a business plan, is that completed yet?

MICHAEL MC MAHON: It's done.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI: Can we get copies of it.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Absolutely, we will make sure. Just so you know, when I say it's done, the first draft is done because it's a living document

and every time we have a session like this it's sparks some ideas. So the first phase is done and it has been given out.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI: I would like to just talk to you about what your interaction is with the tax-exempts and the pressure they are putting on you. The PRA says it is resolved but it's not resolved. I mean the issue is still there and it is ever growing, it's ever increasing and on my side on the legislative end of it it's not a resolved issue. I mean I mentioned about the schools, the hospitals, everybody.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: Let me say that I understand it's a work in progress. I think that fact that the schools were able to come to the first phase of a preliminary understanding gives us some flexibility. The fact that the hospitals haven't done that is a negative impact so anytime I've had this discussion with the representatives of the hospitals they have said do your deal then let's talk. We do not want to get in the middle of that sort of debate because I don't think in anyone in the way that the schools were resolved wasn't perfect but at least it was a first step now we have to get the hospitals into the same thing.

Councilman Segal joins the meeting

COUNCILMAN DE LUCA: Michael, you asked a question of who should communicate with confidentiality issues and I would put that in the form of a motion that you communicate with the Council President and he will know how or when to disperse that.

On motion of Councilman DeLuca, seconded by Councilman Igliazzi, it is voted that the Economic Development Corporation communicate with the Council President with confidentiality issues.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: All those in favor.

COMMITTEE: Aye.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: All those opposed.

Motion Carries.

COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI: We can also go into Executive Session. Can we do that.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: Well, it may not qualify unless all those exceptions are legal.

MICHAEL MC MAHON: We want to work with you, we want to get things done but we need those things in return.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI: I want to thank Mr. McMahan, you were certainly inviting and hopefully this is the beginning of a long and prosperous relationship.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilman Butler, seconded by Councilwoman Young, it is voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 o'clock P.M.


City Clerk


Assistant Clerk