

A meeting of the **Economic Development Standing Committee** is held this day commencing at 4:30 o'clock p.m. in Council Chambers there being present the following members:

Present: Councillor Payne (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sleiman
Councillor Valentinis
Councillor Marra

Regrets: Councillor Dilken

Delegations: Romeo Girardi, Farrow Realty Inc. (Item 2)

Also present are the following from Administration:

Thom Hunt, City Planner
Greg Atkinson, Senior Planner - Economic Development
Agatha Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting is called to order at 4:32 o'clock p.m.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Councillor Payne discloses an interest and abstains from voting on Committee Report No. 305 of the Windsor Heritage Committee regarding the "Proposed Garage Demolition Buckland-Montreuil-Vichos House-4187 Riverside Drive East" and the minutes of the Windsor Heritage Committee meeting held April 4, 2012, due to his involvement in the BUHDAG Application to quash certain by-laws related to the boarded up houses west of the Ambassador Bridge.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Sleiman, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,
THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development Standing Committee held on March 7, 2012 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRALS, REFERRALS OR WITHDRAWALS**

None requested.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None presented.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS**

Item 2 Application by Farrow Realty Inc. for Financial Incentives under the Economic Revitalization Community Improvement Plan

Romeo Girardi, Executive Vice President, Corporate Resources appears before the committee to request that the application for financial incentives under the Economic Revitalization Community Improvement Plan Grant program be approved, and concludes by stating that the development will create up to 50 new employees over the long term.

The salient points of discussion relating to the application for financial incentives under the Economic Revitalization program are as follows:

- Russell A. Farrow Limited will hire approximately 25-30 new employees immediately with an expectation of up to 50 new employees over the long-term.
- The value of the proposed work is estimated at \$1,112,000 and includes upgrades to the exterior of the building, parking lot improvements, roof replacement, and the cost of converting the vacant space for office use.

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Marra,

I. **THAT** the request made by Farrow Realty Inc. **BE APPROVED** for 100% of the municipal portion of the tax increment for up to ten years pursuant to the City of Windsor Economic Revitalization Community Improvement Plan;

II. **THAT** administration **BE DIRECTED** to prepare an agreement to implement the Business Retention and Expansion Grant Program in accordance with all applicable policies, requirements, and provisions contained within the Economic Revitalization Community Improvement Plan to the satisfaction of the City Planner as to content, the City Solicitor as to legal form, and the CFO/City Treasurer as to financial implications; and

III. **THAT** the CAO and City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign the Business Retention and Expansion Grant Agreement.

Carried.

7. **COMMITTEE MATTERS**

Report No. 305 of the Windsor Heritage Committee meeting held April 4, 2012 (Proposed Garage Demolition Buckland-Montrenil-Vichos House, 4187 Riverside Drive East)

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Marra,

THAT the proposed demolition of the detached garage on the property at 4187 Riverside Drive East (Plan 813 Lots 7 & E pt 8) **BE CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**, provided that:

- a. a lot severance is approved by the Committee of Adjustment;
- b. a heritage designation for the house (under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act) is initiated, not including the existing garage;

- c. until the designation is finalized, the structure, facade and all other related elements of the exterior of the existing house would remain; however, a metal roof may be installed;
- d. the north wall of the proposed garage would not extend north of the south edge of the northmost window on the west side of the house;
- e. the height of the ridge of the proposed garage would not exceed the height of the ridge of the existing garage;
- f. no new doorway would be added to the house except near the southwest corner;
- g. any new driveway would extend from Rossini Boulevard behind the south (rear) of the house;
- h. an inventory is made of all trees on the entire site, prior to any removals or screening; and
- i. preservation of the saucer magnolia tree near the northwest corner of the house, in a manner approved by the Landscape Architect in the Planning Department.

Carried.

Councillor Payne declares a conflict and abstains from voting on this matter.

Report No. 31 of the International Relations Committee meeting held April 12, 2012 (Invitation to participate in an International Desk Exchange Program through the Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator)

Moved by Councillor Marra, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

THAT the administrative report entitled "Invitation to Participate in an International Desk Exchange Program through the Downtown Windsor Business Accelerator" **BE SUPPORTED** by City Council.

Carried.

Minutes of the International Relation Committee meeting held April 12, 2012

Moved by Councillor Marra, seconded by Councillor Valentinis,

THAT the minutes of the International Relations Committee meeting held April 12, 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Minutes of the Windsor Heritage Committee meeting held April 4, 2012-06-13

Moved by Councillor Valentinis, seconded by Councillor Marra,

THAT the minutes of the Windsor Heritage Committee meeting held April 4, 2012 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

.Carried.

Councillor Payne declares a conflict and abstains from voting on this matter.

8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Item 1 Economic Revitalization and Brownfield Redevelopment Community Improvement Plans (CIP) -2012 Update

Moved by Councillor Marra, seconded by Councillor Valeutinis,
THAT the minor revisions to the Economic Revitalization Community Improvement Plan set out in the report authored by the City Planner dated April 13, 2012 entitled "Economic Revitalization and Brownfield Redevelopment Community Improvement Plans (CIP) - 2012 Update" found in Appendix C of said report **BE APPROVED.**

Carried.

9. **QUESTION PERIOD**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned at 5:10 o'clock p.m.


VICE CHAIRPERSON
