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TOWN CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

There was a meeting for the above referenced commission held on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in a hybrid meeting style. The in-person meeting location was Bloomfield Town Hall – Council Chambers, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT, and the virtual location was via Zoom.

Commissioners present were: *In-Person*—James Michel, Chair; Maura Riley; and *via Zoom*—Lenny Hudgen

Commissioners absent were: Julio Carrasquillo; Antoinette Gooley

Also present were:

- **Town Council**: *In-Person*—Mayor Anthony Harrington
- **Town Staff/Contractors**: *In-Person*—Jon Colman, Director of Building & Land Use; India Rodgers, Director of Operations & Communications; and *via Zoom*—Alvin Schwapp, Town Manager
- **Goman + York**: *In-Person*—Denise Robidoux; and *via Zoom*—Justin LaFountain

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Hudgen, seconded by Commissioner Riley, and approved unanimously to approve the 4/21/26 meeting minutes as written.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

New Business

Update on Procurement

Mr. Colman reported that procurement is underway. There is an upcoming informational meeting for potential interested parties with the Town and Goman + York. Questions can be submitted to the procurement officer until August 25. Mr. Colman noted that interested parties can only interact with the procurement officer through the procurement process, which will close on 9/25/26.

The procurement review committee will include a member from the Commission.

Update on Grant Application

Ms. Robidoux reported that the Town applied for a Community Investment Fund (CIF) grant for $12 million. The applications are being reviewed, and it is recommended that Town officials and applicable State elected leaders push for support from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and CIF Board through September.

There was a brief discussion about the last CIF funding round where the Town applied for $20 million but was not approved for funding. Ms. Robidoux noted that the biggest difference in the applications and the amount applied for was the removal of parking garage. This would be paid for by developers instead of by the Town. Appraisals for buildings and parcels in the Town Center came in lower than expected, although some cost was added for demolition and potential brownfields.

It was noted that the Town has $4 million in a dedicated fund for Town Center project costs, and that it is anticipated that developer costs would range between $86 - $100 million.

Mayor Harrington reported on efforts to engage State elected leaders in advocating for the funding.

There was a brief discussion about the amount of CIF funding available.

Executive Session

Pending Claims and Litigation

Update re Los Cabos vs. Town of Bloomfield, et al.

It was moved by Commission Riley, seconded by Commission Hudgen, and voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending claims and litigation with the Commission, Mr. Colman, and Ms. Robidoux.

The Commission entered Executive Session at 6:16 p.m.

The Commission exited Executive Session at 6:43 p.m, and it was noted that no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Hudgen, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lynn Weisel, Recording Secretary, based on the Zoom video recording.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvuqc-cMcHc