

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 2016
6:15 PM**

1.0 Roll Call

Roll call was called for at 6:37 PM

PRESENT: Alderman May, Cunningham, Moio, Taylor, Valko

ABSENT: None

2.0 Approval of the February 16, 2016 Minutes

Motion by Alderman Moio, seconded by Alderman Cunningham, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2016 Economic Development Committee meeting. Voice vote: AYES: All NAYES: None.

3.0 Old Business

4.0 New Business

4.1 Beach Management Plan

Requestor: Steve Sabourin

Action: Approval of the Agreement with Edgewater Resources, LLC as consultant for the Waukegan Beach Management Plan

Chairman May gave a brief overview of this Beach Management Plan which will be done in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Chairman May stated that this is a 100% reimbursable grant with no match requirements from the City of Waukegan. Funding is coming from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This Beach Management Plan will outline recommendations for future beach/dune use and will establish guidelines for permit and approval processes through the City of Waukegan for any person or entity looking to utilize the beach.

Chairman May stated that the Plan will contain sections that cover habitat management, sand management, and beach/recreational management. Habitat management will be for the North Beach and will identify wildlife and establish plant monitoring processes and invasive species management. Sand management will cover shoal and accretion prevention. This will outline actions to be taken to limit dune and sand bar build-up on the South Beach. Beach/recreational management will establish a maintenance plan for recreational use of the beach and will identify access points to the beach (via boardwalks) so that the wildlife habitats are protected.

Alderman Moisio stated that this plan will make management of the beach a lot easier and that it is money well-spent. Alderman Moisio also stated that this plan will tell people specifically what we're focusing on, which is not Sheridan Road.

Alderman Cunningham inquired, "Who do people go to get approval for what they want to do on the beach? Gary Deigan?" Chairman May stated that this is a plan for the City of Waukegan and all approvals and reviews go through the City of Waukegan. Gary Deigan is only a consultant who will be involved in putting this plan together.

Motion by Alderman Valko, and seconded by Alderman Moisio, to recommend to the City Council the approval of the agreement with Edgewater Resources, LLC as consultant for the Waukegan Beach Management Plan in the amount of \$30,000, to be reimbursed by grant #NOAA 13 03 21.

5.0 Adjournment

With no other items of discussion, motion was made by Alderman Moisio, and seconded by Alderman Taylor, to adjourn the committee meeting at 6:46 PM. AYES: Moisio, Taylor, Valko
NAYES: None.