



Responsible Employer Ordinance Monitoring Committee

36 Court Street

Springfield, MA 01108

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Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

Maureen Vear

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

2:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 310

I. Call to Order

2:05 PM Meeting called to order on December 10, 2019 at City Hall, 36 Court Street, Room 310, Springfield, MA

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Chairperson	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Absent	
Lindsay B. Hackett	Management Analyst	Present	
Fiore Grassetti		Present	
Patrick Sullivan		Absent	

II. Public Portion

Mr. Edwards called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Grassetti and seconded by Ms. Hackett.

1. Accept minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting

VOTED: To accept the minutes of the November 12 10, 2019 meeting.

Motion carried by voting in favor Members Mr. Edwards and Ms. Hackett and Mr. Grassetti

III. Public Speak Out 10 Mins

Lisa Clausson suggested having the General Contractors of all projects appear at one meeting together instead of individually.

IV. Report from Compliance Unit

1. Updated numbers for the East Forest Park Library Project and BigY Warehouse Project

The Committee heard from Hope Button from the Compliance Office, she didn't receive all the updated numbers for the East Forest Park Library Projects in time to have for the 2:00 PM meeting.

Hope Button passed out the October 2019 Utilization form for the Big Y Warehouse Project. After review the committee thought the numbers were not adequate. This project falls under the

TIF Ordinance (Tax Increment Financing), therefore, the Committee needed legal assistance to see who has oversight of this project and the enforcing agent responsible to make sure the regulations agreed upon in their contract agreement are being reached. Attorney Theocles was going to look into this and report back at the next REO meeting with a legal opinion on the enforceability of the REO to TIF agreements, and on which department has TIF oversight. The Compliance Unit will be monitoring the progress as part of their non-REO purview.

Committee members would like a spreadsheet every month of all jobs, big or small issued prior to the meetings to review on a regularly scheduled basis.

Mr. Grassetti expressed concerns about the small jobs. These jobs are usually done or near completion when they receive the numbers from the Compliance Unit. He would like to have the data prior to the job completion. The reason being, these companies usual bid on other jobs before the numbers are in.

Ms. Hackett suggested setting the Committee meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of each month. This would be a standing meeting. By the third week the Compliance Unit should have the numbers in and a spreadsheet available for them to review.

The question about having a meeting without a quorum arose. Attorney Theocles was going to look into the Open Meeting Law for clarification of the rules & regulations. He will have information on that at the next meeting regarding an overview of open meeting law.

Mr. Edwards would like the next meeting to consist of the Contractors. The first half of the meeting would be geared towards the Contractors and the second half would be for Committee Members discussion.

The next REO meeting will be scheduled for January 21, 2020 @2:00PM in Room 310.

VOTED: To adjourn

Motion carried by voting in favor Mr. Edwards, Mr. Grassetti and Ms. Hackett.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary