Executive Committee
Agenda
Kenosha County Administration Building
6600 Sheridan Rd, Job Center, Atrium
Tuesday August 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM

While both the building and the meeting is open to the public, in keeping with the CDC's recommendations on social distancing, members of the public are strongly encouraged not to attend the meeting in person. The meeting will not be available live video stream due to the location. However, the meeting will be accessible for public monitoring by calling 1-408-418-9388** and using Access Code 146 652 9500. Citizens wishing to make a public comment are strongly encouraged to submit such comments in writing to [email protected] before 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

1. Call To Order
2. Citizen Comments
3. Chair, Supervisor Comments
4. Communications
5. Approval Of Minutes
6. Other Matters As May Be Appropriately Brought Before The Committee
   a. A Resolution Regarding County Board Meeting Location
      Documents:
      RESOLUTION RE CB MEETING LOCATION.PDF
   b. A Resolution Expressing Concerns About The Proposed Dairyland Development
      Documents:
      RESOLUTION 8-13-20 ON DAILRLAND DEVELOPMENT.PDF
7. Adjourn
Resolution

Re: Meeting Place of County Board Meeting

Whereas the Kenosha County Administration Building is partially open to the public, and whereas the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors traditionally meets two times per month at the building. And

Whereas the County Board meets in the Kenosha County Board Chambers at the Administration Building which is not open to the public except for public meetings and Whereas the County Board has been meeting at the Job Center.

Whereas the public access at the Job Center building is open daily to the general public, and

Whereas it is less likely that Covid will spread at the County Board Chambers because of low public traffic and access to the chambers at the 3rd floor of the Administration Building as compared to the Job Center. Which has substantial public access and a higher likelihood of community spread.

Now, therefore the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors shall meet at the Chambers at the Kenosha County Administration Building commencing with the 2nd meeting in August 2020.

Terry W. Rose, Supervisor

Gabe Nudo, Supervisor
WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha is considering the creation of a Tax Incremental District (TID) at the site of the former Dairyland Greyhound Park; and

WHEREAS, this site is currently owned by Majestic Midwest Innovation Center, LLC, a limited liability company which is wholly owned by the Forest County Potawatomi Community, a federally recognized Indian tribe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha and the Forest County Potawatomi Community are contemplating entering into a development agreement for this site; and

WHEREAS, the proposal would redevelop the site into a mixed-use property with office, retail, industrial, and multi-family residential units; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that the property, while owned by the Forest County Potawatomi Community, is not currently placed in trust by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the Forest County Potawatomi Community has proposed language for the developer’s agreement stating that the developer would not take any action to cause the real property to become tax exempt for the life of the TID; and

WHEREAS, it is further acknowledged that the Forest County Potawatomi Community has proposed language for the developer’s agreement that would assert the applicability of Wisconsin laws regarding real estate tax assessments, tax foreclosures, condemnation and special assessments by local municipalities and stating that any disputes relating to these issues within the TID would be construed and enforced according to the laws of the State of Wisconsin, be subject to the jurisdiction
of the Circuit Court for Kenosha County, and consenting to the venue and jurisdiction of such courts; and

WHEREAS, the developer’s agreement would be with an LLC and not directly with the Forest County Potawatomi Community; and

WHEREAS, because the developer agreement is not with the Forest County Potawatomi Community, the ability to assert sovereign immunity at some point, the transfer of ownership of the property fully to the Forest County Potawatomi Community, or efforts to place the land in trust after the TID expires are all future possibilities that would be unaddressed and potentially unaffected by the proposed language in the developer’s agreement; and

WHEREAS, while fully supportive of the concept of this project, questions remain about the role that the Forest County Potawatomi Community’s sovereign immunity could play in any future development; and

WHEREAS, the way to best ensure that the property would remain taxable and subject to all applicable statutes, ordinance, and regulations would be to execute an agreement directly with the Forest County Potawatomi Community which explicitly waives tribal sovereign immunity as it relates to these and other potential concerns; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully embrace and support the creation of the proposed TID, the County requests the City take affirmative steps to address these concerns through an agreement with the Forest County Potawatomi Community itself rather than with a developer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors states its support for the concept of the proposed development and the accompanying TID; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors states that the currently proposed language in the developer’s agreement is insufficient to address its concerns about the role that sovereign immunity and/or the possible future placing of the land in trust could have on the development of this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors calls on the City of Kenosha to take affirmative action, through a separate agreement with the Forest County Potawatomi Community, to ensure that the land would not go into trust and which clearly, unequivocally, and expressly waives any sovereign immunity in regards to this property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors states it cannot support the creation of the proposed TID until such time as such assurances can be made.

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