



Agenda Memo

Crest Hill, IL

Meeting Date:	October 23, 2023
Submitter:	Ron Mentzer, Acting Community and Economic Development Director
Department:	Community Development
Agenda Item:	Authorize the Mayor and one Alderperson to represent the City Council in economic development related discussions with City staff.

Summary: It is the City's current standard practice to discuss and receive early City Council input on significant new development proposals, potential economic development initiatives, and economic development assistance requests (collectively "Important Economic Development Issues") at City Council workshop meetings.

In order to enhance the value of future workshop discussions involving Important Economic Development Issues and improve the City's position in future development/economic development related negotiations, I recommend the City Council consider implementing the follow actions:

1. Designate the Mayor and one additional alderperson as the City Council's Economic Development Representatives (EDRs). Ideally, the designated alderperson would be someone who (i) regularly has a different perspective on important issues than the Mayor and (ii) the majority of aldermen believe would effectively represent their perspective on strategic discussions with staff on Important Economic Development Issues.
2. Authorize the EDRs to meet with the City Administrator, the Community and Economic Development Director, and other staff members the City Administrator feels would be beneficial to involve, when requested by the City Administrator to discuss, provide input, and develop joint EDR/staff recommendations on Important Economic Development Issues. Joint EDR/staff recommendations would be presented at and help focus future City Council workshop discussions of these issues.

I believe implementing these actions will improve the City's ability to respond to developers, business owners, and property owners with valuable input and direction in a timely and professional manner. Ultimately, this will allow the City to more effectively manage and direct new development in a manner that minimizes its impact on, and maximizes its benefit to the community.

Recommended Council Action: Designate one alderman and the Mayor as the City Council's Economic Development representatives and authorize them to meet with staff on an as needed basis to discuss, provide input, and develop joint EDR/staff recommendations on Important Economic Development Issues.

Financial Impact: None.

Funding Source: Not applicable.

Budgeted Amount: Not applicable.

Cost: Not applicable.