



Economic Development Commission Meeting Agenda

January 20, 2026, at 4 p.m., In-person at City Hall,
McCloskey Conference Room

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- **Roll Call**

- Approval of Minutes

- October 21, 2025

- **New Business**

- Election of Officers

- **Old Business**

- **General Discussion**

- **Adjournment**

Name	Appointed By	Term
Kurt Zorn	Mayor (voting)	2/1/2025 - 1/31/2029
Isak Nti Asare	Common Council (voting)	2/1/2022 - 1/31/2026
Vanessa McClary	Mayor (voting)	2/1/2025 - 1/31/2029
Tim Henke	Mayor (voting)	2/1/2024 - 1/31/2028
Liz Feitl	Monroe County Council (voting)	2/1/2022 - 1/31/2026

Economic Development Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:07 p.m. in the conference room.

Roll Call and Quorum

Commission members present:

- Tim Henke
- Kurt Zorn
- Liz Feitl

Staff present:

- Jane Kupersmith
- De de la Rosa

Guest present:

- Casey Green (Maple Heights neighborhood)

Approval of Minutes

1. May 20, 2025 Minutes

Motion (Henke) to approve the corrected minutes for May 20, 2025, was made and seconded (Zorn).

Vote: Approved by voice vote - unanimously approved.

2. August 26, 2025 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes for August 26, 2025 (Feitl), was made and seconded (Henke). Vote:

Approved by voice vote. - unanimously approved.

General Discussion Items

1. Stadium District naming proposal (area near Miller-Showers Park)

Staff introduced a proposed “Stadium District” concept requested by area businesses and advanced through discussions with the City Council. Staff summarized prior Council feedback, including concerns raised by Maple Heights residents about the inclusion of residentially zoned areas.

Staff presented an updated map revision reflecting community and Council feedback, including removal of residential zoning areas (including Maple Heights) and focus on commercial areas, with inclusion of the Mixed-Use Student Housing District area (Garden Hill) discussed as appropriate.

Commission discussion included infrastructure needs (particularly pedestrian infrastructure), related corridor planning efforts, and whether an EDC resolution of support would be helpful to the City Council.

Casey Green (Maple Heights) shared concerns about neighborhood impacts associated with stadium-related activity, including traffic, vandalism, noise, and tenant/development pressures. Ms. Green emphasized the neighborhood understands this is a commercial branding proposal, but noted

residential impacts remain closely connected. Staff reiterated an offer to meet with the neighborhood prior to Council consideration.

2. Alcohol permitting options as an economic development tool (discussion only)

Staff presented background on Bloomington's quota-based alcohol permit system and state-authorized programs that may allow municipalities to exceed quota totals under certain conditions, including temporary permits (one-year, non-transferable) versus long-term quota permits.

Commission discussion addressed alignment with broader economic development goals, potential benefits for small locally owned restaurants and the service economy, implementation considerations (eligibility criteria and selection process), and the importance of cross-department coordination related to restaurant viability (e.g., permitting and infrastructure requirements). Staff noted there is currently no City Council sponsor for three-way permit legislation and described this as an early exploratory conversation.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned.