



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF
PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 AT 12:00 PM**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Committee was called to order at 12:00 P.M. A quorum was declared by Chairperson Leman.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Roy Bockler	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Caty Campbell	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
John Campbell	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Buster Hanley	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Drew Leman	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Amy McCoy	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Danielle Owens	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Earl Riley	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Liridon Rrushaj	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Dennis Short	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Jack Steger	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon

Approve Agenda

D. Short motioned to approve the agenda for today’s meeting and the meeting minutes from August 11, 2025, with a second C. Campbell. The motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

3.1. Minutes of the EDAC Meeting on August 11, 2025

D. Short motioned to approve the agenda for today’s meeting and the meeting minutes from August 11, 2025, with a second C. Campbell. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Input

None

Consent Agenda

5.1. Monthly Staff Report

Mr. Wray reviewed the monthly staff report included in the meeting packet.

The committee discussed the updates provided, including potential future plans for the Lutticken property.

5.2. Greater Peoria EDAC Updates

Mr. Setti from GPEDC was not present to provide a detailed update, but the report was included in the packet for the committee's review.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

7.1. Marketing Update

Mr. Wray shared an update on the recently approved rebranding. The item is scheduled for further discussion at tonight's City Council meeting, with proposed modifications prepared by McDaniels Marketing.

Additional discussion followed regarding welcome signs, Tourism funds, and the new website, as each could be affected by the outcome of the rebranding discussion.

7.2. Tazewell County Grant Opportunity

Mr. Wray shared a grant opportunity with the committee that was brought to his attention by Ms. McCoy. He shared initial thoughts and project ideas for consideration by the group and asked for feedback as well as any additional ideas.

Committee ideas and discussion surrounded a potential partnership with ICC for workforce development or CityLink for an additional route.

7.3. FY2027 Budget

Mr. Wray distributed high-level information comparing the current FY26 budget to a proposed FY27 budget as it relates to TIF/BDD funding.

Committee members expressed interest in allocating a higher percentage toward traditional economic development incentives and marketing, with a reduced share directed to road projects, while acknowledging that this decision is ultimately not theirs to make. Mr. Wray noted that although the proposed budget increases infrastructure funding, the current level of incentive funding can still be maintained. There was consensus that incentive investments represent a long-term strategy to strengthen the community, with the goal of increasing median housing values and median income.

Chairperson Leman recommends keeping the documentation and reporting easily accessible, as they help demonstrate the value of the programs and

incentives along with their overall impact.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission

D. Owens noted that she has served on the committee for many years and has not seen the level of positive traction currently occurring in the community. She attributed this progress to Mr. Wray's efforts and commended him for his work. The committee collectively expressed their appreciation.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by D. Short at 1:08 P.M., with a second by B. Hanley. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 8, 2025 at Noon in the City Council Chambers.