



**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, DECEMBER 8, 2025 AT 12:00 PM**

Call to Order

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

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
John Campbell	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Danielle Owens	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Amy McCoy	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Dennis Short	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Jack Steger	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	12:03 PM
Drew Leman	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Liridon Rrushaj	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
D. Neal Hanley II	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon
Roy Bockler	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Earl Riley	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Absent	
Caty Campbell	Economic Development Advisory Committee	Member	Present	Noon

Approval of Minutes

2.1. Minutes from the Regular EDAC Meeting on November 10, 2025

A. McCoy motioned to approve the agenda for today’s meeting and the meeting minutes from November 10, 2025, with a second by D. Owens. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Input

None

Reports

4.1. Monthly Staff Report

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

4.2. Greater Peoria EDAC Updates

Mr. Setti of the GPEDC provided a review of the bi-weekly Greater Peoria Economic Development Council updates since the last meeting.

The Committee discussed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Mr. Setti noted that a meeting will be held in Tremont on Wednesday and invited members to attend. Committee members asked questions regarding the current plan document and the timeline for the upcoming update. Mr. Setti clarified that the document is not due until October 2026 and that most of the work is expected to be completed by the summer of next year.

4.3. Marketing Update

The updated logo will be presented to City Council for approval tonight at the City Council meeting.

New Business

5.1. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates

Mr. Wray presented the proposed 2026 meeting dates. He noted that the meeting cadence will remain the same, with meetings held on the second Monday of each month at noon, with one exception. The October meeting, which falls on a holiday, has been moved to Tuesday.

A motion to approve the 2026 meeting dates as presented was made by B. Hanley and seconded by D. Owens. The motion carried by voice vote.

5.2. Input on Residential TIF Town Hall

Mr. Wray requested recommendations on potential topics or issues to be addressed at an upcoming town hall hosted by Council Member Phillips. Mr. Wray and City Attorney Vasselli will also be in attendance to assist in answering questions.

The Committee discussed several potential topics, including an overview of how the process works, noting that it is not simply a handout and that projects must be completed before verified expenses are submitted for reimbursement. Members also discussed the importance of the program, noting that current offerings do not align with what prospective residents are seeking. Additional topics included declining school enrollment, the impact on property taxes for residents, and secondary benefits of population growth, such as a broader tax base.

Concerns were also raised regarding the current process for TIF grants. While there was no opposition to the program itself, members suggested implementing a separate application for each program and providing clearer guidelines. It was noted that TIF funds should not be used for routine or

ongoing maintenance.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission

One committee member asked about the movie theater. It was clarified that this property is located in North Pekin, not City of Pekin.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting by J. Campbell at 12:32 P.M., with a second by L. Rrushaj. The motion passed by voice vote.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026, at noon in the City Council Chambers.