

MEETING MINUTES
PORTSMOUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

June 6, 2003

Flextronics Facility

7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Tom Ferrini, Chairman; John Hynes, Scott Pafford, Edward Hayes, Mark Simpson, Everett Eaton, Paul Harvey Sr., John Bohenko, City Manager

Members Absent: Cliff Taylor, Dana Levenson, Steve Alie

Tour of Flextronics

Chairman Ferrini convened the meeting at the Flextronics manufacturing facility at Pease Tradeport. General Manager Bob Egan provided a brief PowerPoint presentation describing the corporation, its products, manufacturing niche and employment base (currently they employ 368 people in Portsmouth). He noted that the Portsmouth location is ideal for the firm because it allows it to draw employees, customers and vendors from a broader base than the former Rochester, NH location.

Following Mr. Egan's presentation, the Commission toured the manufacturing/production facility and then reconvened to the conference room to conduct a brief meeting.

Minutes of May 7, 2003

Commissioner Hynes moved and Commissioner Hayes seconded the motion to approve the March 7, 2003 meeting minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Worth Lot Parking Garage Feasibility Study

City Manager Bohenko informed the EDC that HTA Consulting Engineers provided a draft final report to staff by this week. Moving forward, the plan is to have a joint meeting of the EDC and City Council to discuss the study's findings, the preferred design alternative and the next phase of the project. The joint meeting will probably be held in the evening sometime in July or August. Appropriate meeting notice will be provided.

Other Business

There was a brief discussion about downtown activities including Vaughan Mall and the pedestrian pilot project scheduled for July 12th for Market Street and August 2nd for Pleasant Street. The City Manager also informed the Commission that Phase 1 of the Court Street reconstruction project started June 2nd and will continue throughout the summer.

Public Comment Session

No members of the public present wished to comment.

Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting is September 5th unless a special joint meeting is held for to discuss the Worth Parking Garage Feasibility Study.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

EDC Minutes
June 6, 2003

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