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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PORTSMOUTH
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
April June 30, 2023 8:00 AM- 9:00 AM

Members Present: Chair Phil Cohen, Vice Chair Alan Gold, Bob Marchewka (Zoom), Sarah Lachance (Zoom), Anne Weidman (Zoom), Anna Howard (Zoom), City Councilor Vince Lombardi, Ben VanCamp, Tom Watson
Absent: Assistant Mayor JoAnna Kelley, Andrew Ward, Everett Eaton, Jacob Lehoux, City Manager Karen Conard
City Staff: Asst. City Manager for Economic Development Sean Clancy

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM

Chair Cohen initiated the conversation regarding the EDC Ordinance language changes that have been proposed by the Ordinance Working Group. He advised the language had been offered by the City Governance Committee outlining a staggered appointment and service term language. (Draft language will be posted once available).

The Group reviewed additional edits offered by *Commissioner Watson* and debated the merits of what was proposed. The group voted (unanimously) to accept Commissioner Watson’s edit and present the final draft version to the Governance Committee (Councilor Lombardi) for review prior to presenting the City Council at the **August 7th** meeting.

Chair Cohen initiated a conversation regarding the EDC meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

The next meeting will be held on **July 14th**. This meeting will be focused on another review of the EDC’s Outdoor Dining recommendations for 2024 as requested by the City Council. (Outdoor Dining recommendations will be posted on the **July 14th** meeting notice – target date is **July 10th**).

EDC has tentatively scheduled a meeting for August 4th. This meeting will only take place if there is a delay in completing the Outdoor dining request from City Council

The EDC will determine the meeting schedule for the remainder of calendar year 2023 at the July 14th meeting.

- Proposed – September 1st or 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st.

Public Comment – there were no members of the public present (live or on zoom)

Motion to adjourn made by *Vice Chair Gold*, seconded by *Commissioner Watson*.
The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,
Sean Clancy
Assistant City Manager for Economic Development