



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Village Hall – Community Room, 400 Park Ave., River Forest, IL

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89153263474>

Meeting ID: 891 5326 3474

Public comments and any responses will be shared with the Commission. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Jessica Spencer at jspencer@vrf.us.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Introduction of Commissioners
4. Approval of Minutes – September 3, 2025 and Executive Session Minutes of September 3, 2025
5. Continued Discussion Regarding Business Community Retention/Support Strategies and Communication
6. Other Business
7. Executive Session
8. Adjournment

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

September 3, 2025

A special meeting of the Village of River Forest Economic Development Commission was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Meeting started by calling roll. Upon roll call, the following people were:

Present: Chairman Cuyler Brown and Commissioners Carr Preston, Scott Elza, Tim Brangle, and Matt Carolan

Absent: Commissioners Elizabeth Muhr and Raj Chiplunkar

Also Present: Administrator Matt Walsh, Assistant Village Administrator Jessica Spencer, and Deputy Clerk Luke Masella

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 13, 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brangle and seconded by Commissioner Chiplunkar to approve the minutes from August 13, 2025. By a voice vote, the motion passed.

**4. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING BUSINESS COMMUNITY
RETENTION/SUPPORT STRATEGIES AND COMMUNICATION**

Assistant Administrator Spencer provided an update regarding the Business Networking event that is in the works for September 17th at Byline Bank. She invited the Commissioners to attend if they were available.

Administrator Walsh and Assistant Administrator Spencer discussed some points of the Open Meetings Act guidelines and encouraged the commissioners to familiarize themselves with the Attorney General's training.

5. GENERAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Regarding Lake and Lathrop, Administrator Walsh advised that there is a court date on September 12 and that new screening for the fences was being installed this week. Discussion ensued regarding the foreclosure process thus far.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The commissioners briefly introduced themselves and explained their tenure on the commission.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A **MOTION** was made by Chairman Brown and seconded by Commissioner Brangle to move into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120-2 (c)6 to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by a public body and the Commission will not return to Open Session.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Brangle and seconded by Commissioner Elza to adjourn the meeting of the Economic Development Commission at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jessica Spencer, Assistant Village Administrator

Date: _____