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Advisory Commission on Labor and Development
Special Meeting: Thursday, February 10, 2022, 9:00 AM
Village Hall of Tinley Park – Council Chambers
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Members Present: Josh Weger, Chairman
Larry Nichols, Vice Chairman
Frank DiGiovanni, Commissioner
Tom McGrath, Commissioner
Mike Uylaki, Commissioner
Mike Lafferty, Commissioner
Henry Malinowski, Commissioner
Dan Ahern, Commissioner
Mike Macellaio, Commissioner

Members Absent: Tony Janowski, Commissioner

Staff Present: Michael Glotz, Village President
Hannah Lipman, Asst. Village Manager
Pat Carr, Village Manager
Kimberly Clarke, Community Development Director
Paul O’Grady, Village Attorney (Telephonically)
John Urbanski, Public Works Director

Also Present: Robyn Jones, Executive Director - SH Hospitality

Item #1 – CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Advisory Commission on Labor and Development Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Item #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON LABOR AND DEVELOPMENT MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022:
Motion was made by Chairman Weger to approve the minutes for the Advisory Commission on Labor and Development meeting held on Thursday, January 6, 2022. Vote by voice call. Chairman Weger declared the motion carried.

Item #3 –DISCUSS BUILDING ADDITION – RJ’S SEAFOOD LLC: Community Development Director Clarke mentioned that RJ’s Seafood has been working diligently with staff to bring new life to a space that formerly housed a staple restaurant for many years. Ms. Clarke stated that RJ’s would be using an endcap space at the northeast corner of Harlem and 183rd Street in an existing shopping center, and that the building space would also be expanded to accommodate needed additional cooler storage space. RJ’s is additionally seeking to add an outdoor patio dining area, as are many establishments, due to COVID-19 restrictions and the desire to enhance the dining experience. Ms. Clarke mentioned that there will be a public hearing next week regarding this development due to entitlements, and that the development as planned represents an investment of approximately \$1.75 million.

Robyn Jones introduced SH Hospitality to the Commission as operating the Francesca’s Restaurant Group among other concepts and properties located in the Chicagoland and San Diego markets; RJ’s Seafood will be the 8th concept for the company. Ms. Jones stated that SH Hospitality has been working diligently with their design group and the Village of Tinley Park to make the additions needed to create

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extra operational space and that the company is looking forward to a long-term, successful partnership with the Village.

Chairman Weger asked if design work has been completed for the project; Ms. Jones replied that it had been completed for the most part, but that some additional details still needed to be worked out prior to the construction phase. Ms. Clarke stated that after a successful Planning Commission recommendation, the development would go before the Village Board and would involve working through the Building Department and construction drawings. Ms. Jones stated that the building time has been estimated at four months for a planned summer opening. Vice Chairman Nichols inquired if the project managers understood the requirements of the new ordinance regarding developments of \$750,000 or above; Ms. Clarke responded in the affirmative and added that there were no tax relief or other incentives planned for this project.

Ms. Jones stated that contractors and subcontractors had been determined for the project, that the space was in compliance with fire code, and that some demolition work would be required to add space for the installation of an updated hood system and a wood grill. She went on to mention that, as the planned concrete patio backs up to housing, it would have two enclosed sides: one by the addition, and the other by a fence wall that extends to the top of the additional planned space with trees added as a buffer for the neighborhood. Ms. Clarke added that, as the concrete patio will be located in an existing asphalt and sunken concrete area, the patio will be raised to match the level of the existing sidewalk. A new curb will also be constructed to address any drainage concerns and result in an appealing overall improvement.

Chairman Weger asked the Commission for a vote to recommend that the project move forward to the Village Board. Motion was made by Commissioner DiGiovanni and seconded by Commissioner Lafferty. Vote by voice call. Chairman Weger declared the motion carried.

Item #4 – RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Chairman Weger asked if anyone from the public would like to comment. No one came forward.

Item #5 – ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Commissioner Macellaio and seconded by Vice Chairman Nichols to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Commission on Labor and Development Committee. Vote by voice call. Chairman Weger declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 9:16 A.M.

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