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The following are the minutes of the Growth & Redevelopment Committee meeting, which was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Statement of Adequate Notice:

Adequate notice of the regular meeting of the Lawrence Township Growth & Redevelopment Committee has been provided by filing an annual meeting schedule with the Municipal Clerk and by filing the agenda with the Municipal Clerk, posting prominently in the Municipal Building and mailing to the Trenton Times.

Roll Call:

Present:

Jeremy Ryan
Stavros Papafilipakis
Peter Ferrone
Edward Garcia
Edward Freeland, Vice Chairperson
Maria Connolly
Joan Brame

Absent:

Excused Absence:

Michelle King, School Board Liaison
Melissa Clark, Chairperson

Also Present:

Nishka Desai, Student Representative
Abigail Oravsky, Student Representative
Jeffrey Radice, Secretary
Kelly Edelstein, Staff Liaison
Olympia l'Liou Perry, Council Liaison

Minutes:

August 12, 2025 minutes were approved.

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Networking Event Updates and Publicizing the Event

The upcoming Networking Event will be held on Wednesday, October 15th at the Lawrence Senior Center at 5:30pm. The group discussed the format of the event. They decided that each business will get approximately 90 seconds to explain their business to the rest of the people attending. The committee spoke about the possible guest speakers, naming Anthony Carabelli and Caitlin Perrone as two possibilities. There was a discussion about moving the check in time to 5:15pm to be able to start the guest speaker promptly at 5:30pm.

Subcommittee for Networking Event

A subcommittee for the event was formed of 3 or 4 members of the committee. They planned to update the flyer with the speaker information and 90 second pitch for each business. The subcommittee planned to figure out the best ways to invite people and publicize the event. The group talked about ways to possibly reach more young students.

Student Rep Report

The two new student representatives introduced themselves and filled in the committee on their background and extracurricular activities that they are involved in. They plan to help the committee in any way necessary.

Update from Council Liaison, Olympia P'Liou Perry:

Councilwoman Perry spoke about the Trenton Water Works issues going on in Mercer County. She said in order for the issue to be resolved there is a possibility the Assembly or Governor need to step in and get involved. There was a discussion held by the group about how this may affect Lawrence Township businesses.

Other Business:

The committee revisited the Mission Statement and where they are on getting it adopted. Business and Economic Growth Committee was proposed for a possible name change. The group voted and passed the name change and now will submit this to council for final approval.

At the previous meeting the committee voted and passed the mission statement and agrees to change the order of operations. Once approved, the township website should be adjusted to update the changes made.

A reminder was given to the group that the Lawrence Community Center Mayor's Task Force will be giving a presentation to Council on Tuesday, September 16rd.

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Radice
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved: _____