



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

March 4, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Blount, Ali Brown, Jerry Clifford, Dick Freije, Brian Hicks, and Bruce Kimery.

STAFF PRESENT: Economic Development Director Cam Starnes

Also present: Chris Barnett (LCDC)

CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: President David Blount called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Blount asked the minutes from the meeting of January 22, 2019 be approved. Mr. Kimery made the motion; Ms. Brown seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted totaling \$15,914.75. Mr. Starnes updated the Commission and provided clarification of claims. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Starnes thanked David Johnson, for serving as corporation counsel for the RDC. New counsel is to be determined.

1. **Mira Awards "Rising Tech City" Nomination:** Mr. Starnes announced that Ft. Ben/Lawrence is one of the five finalists for the new municipal category. Mr. Starnes noted that Trace Yates (Lawrence Chamber) and Aletha Dunston (FHRA) were instrumental in broadening the exposure of the Ft. Ben campus as a technology and innovation friendly community. The winner will be announced at the gala in April.
2. **Trades District – Project Agreement for 7600 Pendleton Pike:** Mr. Starnes noted the draft project agreement is currently under legal review. Mr. Starnes updated the Commission, clarified content, and answered questions. Per Commission request, Mr. Starnes will revise the project agreement and Resolution No. 1-2019 to reflect the changes discussed. Mr. Starnes will resend the new agreement and responses when available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 1-2019 Approving Project Agreement: After revisions, the Commission will plan to vote at the next RDC meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: The Commission asked Mr. Starnes to provide a breakdown of interest drawn on the project funds from the Controller. Mr. Blount noted the next meeting date is Tuesday, March 26 at 4:00 p.m. On behalf of the RDC, Mr. Blount read a letter of thanks to Mr. Frank Sullivan for his service as Commissioner from January 2016 to December 2018.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Blount concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Clifford motioned for adjournment at 4:58 p.m. and Mr. Kimery seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

David Blount

Mary Jo Rothenbush, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussion held, with the exception of motions.