



## CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

November 26, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** David Blount, Ali Brown, Jerry Clifford, Brian Hicks, Bruce Kimery, and non-voting advisory member Dick Freije.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Economic Development Director Cam Starnes and Deputy Chief of Staff Joe Murphy

**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 October 22, 2019 be approved. Mr. Clifford made the motion; Mr. Kimery seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims were submitted for \$6,757.03. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and a summary of claims to the Commission. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

**STAFF REPORT:** Mr. Starnes update the Commission that a wholesale company recently closed on the former Marsh property on Franklin Road. Mr. Starnes will meet with the new owners to talk about futures uses. The property is pending appeal for rezoning for wholesale use. Mr. Starnes connected the new owners with the grocer at 38<sup>th</sup>/Post and will update the Commission on future prospects. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.

1. **Freije project update.** Mr. Starnes updated the Commission with a current timeline of the project. Mr. Starnes noted that he will attend the upcoming meetings in support of the project. Mr. Starnes anticipates a possible closing date by the end of the year. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission regarding the land use case and property development.
2. **4423 Shadeland disposition/project:** Mr. Starnes provided a summary of the two proposals received for the property. Mr. Starnes made a recommendation to the Commission based on consideration of several factors. Mr. Starnes answered questions and provided clarification to the Commission.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Selection of 4423 Shadeland proposal.** Mr. Clifford made a motion to accept Mr. Starnes' recommendation that the Commission select Edwards Mechanical's proposal for 4423 Shadeland and authorize Mr. Starnes to proceed with developing a project agreement with Edwards; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC:**

A December meeting will convene only if a special meeting is needed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Mr. Blount congratulated Ali Brown on her newly elected appointment as representative for City County Council.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Blount concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Kimery motioned for adjournment at 4:47 p.m.; Mr. Clifford seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



David Blount, President



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.*