



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

January 28, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Blount, Jerry Clifford, Brian Hicks, Becky Parker, Cheryl Sullivan, 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: All nominations were approved by unanimous decision as follows:

President: Mr. Clifford nominated Mr. Blount and was seconded by Mr. Hicks.

Vice President: Mr. Clifford nominated Mr. Hicks and was seconded by Ms. Parker.

Secretary: Mr. Blount nominated Ms. Sullivan and was seconded by Mr. Clifford.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Blount asked the minutes from the meeting of November 26, 2019 be approved. Mr. Hicks made the motion; Mr. Clifford seconded. The minutes were approved by Mr. Blount. Ms. Parker and Ms. Sullivan abstained from voting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Mr. Starnes introduced himself and welcomed new Commissioners Becky Parker and Cheryl Sullivan. Claims were submitted totaling \$165,356.75. Mr. Starnes updated the Commission and provided a summary and clarification of claims. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Clifford made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Starnes provided an overview meeting for the Commission. Mr. Starnes also noted that a new engagement for 2020 services will be drafted and sent to the Commission prior to the next meeting for review and comment prior to voting.

1. **Trades District/Strategy:** Mr. Starnes provided a summary of the Trades District initiative. Copies of the Trades District Plan will be provided to Commissioners Parker and Sullivan.
 - a. **Freije Project:** Mr. Starnes summarized the (7600 Pendleton Pike) Freije Engineered Solutions project. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission and provided a timeline of the project.
 - b. **MSDLT Workforce Development Partnership:** Mr. Starnes provided an overview of the pathways pipeline for skilled trades and workforce development leading to the partnership with Lawrence Trades Committee.
 - c. **Workforce Development Roundtable:** Mr. Joe Murphy, Deputy Chief of Staff, recently met with DWD Office of Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship. Mr. Murphy noted there will be a late February meeting with stakeholders and various groups within the community to serve as a template/model for design and structure of the program. Mr. Murphy answered questions from the Commission.

2. **4423 Shadeland Avenue disposition and project:** Edwards Mechanical and Electrical was selected in November 2019 for the parcel, which will serve as their new fleet headquarters and training facility for certification in mechanical and plumbing trades. Mr. Starnes has been in contact with their legal counsel to reinstate the proposal so that the project can get underway.
3. **4501 Franklin Road – Former Marsh:** The currently owners of the parcel, with ties to the Lawrence community, provide a wholesale business for food and beverage service. They have an ongoing appeal with the DMD to approve rezoning of the site to include wholesale business. The owners will meet with a potential Hispanic grocer that has interest in the area.
4. **Fort Development Projects:** Mr. Starnes updated the Commission on the status of several of the upcoming Fort Harrison projects. Mr. Starnes also noted that the Ft. Ben Tech campus is a finalist for the Rising Tech City MIRA Award in 2020.
5. **2020 Outlook:** Mr. Starnes noted during the staff report at the beginning of the meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: The Commission requested a projection of expenditures by the RDC in 2020. Mr. Starnes will consult with the Controller and will build it into his overview prospectus.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Blount concluded the meeting. Mr. Clifford motioned for adjournment at 5:01 p.m.; Ms. Sullivan 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.