



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

April 23, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

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

STAFF PRESENT: Economic Development Director Cam Starnes

Also present: Chris Barnett (LCDC), John Wolski (Ski Landscape), Trace Yates (Greater Lawrence Chamber), and Mr. Brian Gaines

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 March 26, 2019 be approved. Mr. Clifford made the motion; Ms. Kimery seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Claims were submitted totaling \$11,112.03. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and a summary of claims. Mr. Clifford made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Starnes announced the Meyer Plastics ribbon cutting ceremony on May 2, 2019 at 10:30 am at the Sunnyside facility. Mr. Starnes updated the Commission that MSDLT has withdrawn its rezoning petition for the property on 52nd Street due to public opposition. Mr. Starnes will continue to monitor the development of the parcel.

1. **Mira Awards – “Rising Tech City”:** Mr. Starnes shared that although Ft. Ben/Lawrence was not selected as the winner for the new municipal category, he will continue to highlight the recognition as a top-5 finalist to further tie in with marketing Lawrence as a great place to live, work, and play. Mr. Starnes credited Aletha Dunston and Trace Yates for reaching out to TechPoint and fostering the partnership that showcases the Ft. Ben campus as a technology and innovation friendly community. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.
2. **Lawrence Trades District:** Mr. Starnes updated the Commission that the project agreement with Freije RSC headquarters is moving in a slow but positive direction and anticipates progress will be made this year. Additionally, the company has requested utilization of the space for prefabrication projects for the mechanical and refrigeration services company, which will include visible and branded signage. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.
3. **Shadeland Avenue Corridor:** Mr. Starnes provided clarification and an update for the Commission. A summary attachment of the proposed development for 7100 Faris Street map by the Annex Group for future multi-family housing was provided at the meeting. Mr. Starnes shared that the seller has executed a letter of intent with the current owner of the property and is working towards a project agreement. Mr. Starnes feels the proposal for multi-family residential housing is the highest best use for the property. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 1-2019 Approving Project Agreement for 7600 Pendleton Pike:** A motion to table the resolution was made by the Commission. Mr. Hicks made the motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2-2019 Granting Access to 4423 Sellers Street for Prefabrication and Staging:** Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: Mr. Brian Gaines asked to speak with Commission regarding his interest and intention for the 4423 Shadeland Ave property. The Commission thanked Mr. Gaines and noted that his request was noted.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Blount concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Clifford motioned for adjournment at 5:8 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.