



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

June 25, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

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

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 the meeting of May 28, 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 \$5,575.00. Mr. Starnes provided a summary of claims. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

1. **EPA Grant:** Mr. Starnes updated the Commission that a new EPA brownfields assessment grant has been awarded to Lawrence in the amount of \$300,000.00. The grant period is three (3) years. Pre-award steps are currently underway. Funds should be available in September or October, 2019.
2. **Shadeland Avenue:** Mr. Starnes provided a letter of interest received from Edwards Electrical regarding the 4423 parcel to the Commission. He will evaluate the proposal and will address the Commission at the July meeting. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Starnes will provide the average salary wage and map of parcels per Commission request.
3. **Trades District:** Mr. Starnes has been in contact with Freije-RSC counsel and noted the project agreement is still under consideration. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Starnes will provide an updated copy of the project agreement per Commission request.
4. **Project Plum:** Mr. Starnes provided documents regarding a training grant program through Develop Indy, and noted a large trades company interested in relocating its headquarters to a site in Lawrence. Due to the Indy Chamber's confidentiality agreements, they have labeled the prospect as Project Plum. The interested company is currently located in Hamilton County, is a visible, recognizable brand, and would provide positive economic impact. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Starnes will define options per Commission request and hopes to provide a Resolution at the next meeting.
5. **RDC legal counsel:** A legal services proposal will be presented to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Tax Increment Financing presentation:** A video explaining overlapping TIF units was shown to the Commission. Mr. Starnes provided a summary to the Commission after the video presentation.
2. **Resolution 3-2019 regarding pass through of incremental assessed value:** Mr. Clifford made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.
3. **Consent to pursue Project Plum and training grant:** Mr. Hicks make a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 1-2019 approving project agreement with Freije-RSC:** A motion to table the Resolution until the next meeting was made by Mr. Hicks; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: The Commission asked Mr. Starnes to follow-up with the Controller for interest questions posed at a previous meeting. The Commission congratulated non-voting advisory member, Dick Freije, along with MSDLT, for their recent Teacher of the Year and student awards.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Blount concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Clifford motioned for adjournment at 5:02 p.m. and Ms. Brown 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.