



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

September 24, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

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

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 August 27, 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 \$7,550.00. Mr. Starnes provided a summary of claims to the Commission. Mr. Kimery made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT:

1. **Trades District:** Mr. Starnes updated the Commission of a finalized project agreement with Freije Engineered Solutions and noted that a press release will go out to local media. A third party engineering firm will perform a traffic study evaluate ingress and egress for streets adjacent to the site and assist in evaluating the proposed site plan. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.
2. **Project Plum:** Mr. Starnes shared that Williams Comfort Air recently closed on the former ICOR building on 59th Street as their new headquarters. The approved training grant through EmployIndy will provide a positive outlook for the future of the training facility. Mr. Starnes answered questions and provided clarification to the Commission.
3. **4399 Shadeland Ave:** Mr. Starnes is currently in discussion with the attorney for Edwards Mechanical for a potential fleet maintenance and training certification facility. The Commission discussed the pro and cons to both options for the disposition method of the parcel to the Commission. Mr. Starnes answered questions and provided clarification to the Commission.
4. **Franklin Rd – former Marsh rezoning:** Mr. Starnes circulated information to the Commission regarding details of the proposed rezoning for review. Mr. Starnes supports the rezone as the best option presented to date in terms of interest in the property; and the petitioners are sensitive to the wants and needs of the neighborhood. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission and provided clarification.

OLD BUSINESS:


1. **Approval of Project Plum grant agreement with EmployIndy for job training and certification.** Ms. Brown made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

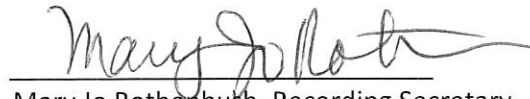
1. **Consent to explore grant of 4399 Shadeland Avenue property.** Mr. Clifford made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously
2. **Consent to retain engineering firm to conduct traffic study of Trades District area at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.** Ms. Brown made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously
3. **Consent to submit letter of support for rezoning petition on behalf of Lawrence Redevelopment Commission.** Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Clifford seconded the motion. The Commission approved 4-1; A. Brown voted in opposition.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC:

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Blount concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Hicks motioned for adjournment at 5:09 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.