



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

November 28, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jerry Clifford, Bruce Kimery, Bob Marien, Brian Hicks, Frank Sullivan Jr., and Dick Freije.

STAFF PRESENT: Economic Development Director Cam Starnes and Corporation Counsel David Johnson.

Also present: Chris Barnett (Lawrence CDC), John Wolski (Ski Landscaping), David Bego (CBSE), and Mark Clark.

CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: President Jerry Clifford called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and announced a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Clifford asked the minutes from October 24, 2017 be approved. Mr. Kimery made the motion; Mr. Hicks seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Mr. Starnes provided clarification of claims and an update of the balance of Brownfield assessment grant to the Commission, as requested at the October meeting. Claims were submitted for \$ 58,532.43. Mr. Sullivan made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion. The Claims were approved by a unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORT:

1. **Franklin Road project:** Mr. Starnes shared with the Commission that the project is on track and proceeding with right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Starnes anticipates a bid package to begin in late 2018 with construction in 2019. Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission.
2. **E 59th St:** Mr. Starnes thanked the Commissioners for meeting with him individually for recent updates. Mr. Starnes noted that there continues to be interest from a custom plastics molding manufacturer looking to expand their company.
3. **Trades District:** Mr. Starnes noted that RDC-owned property, former Permanent Magnet site, continues to garner interest from a mechanical contractor company looking for possible headquarters at that location. Mr. Starnes noted that discussions and EPA grant resources are helping to move interest in a positive direction.

Additional items:


4. **4423/4399:** Mr. Starnes is awaiting data sample reports that should be available within the next one to two weeks. Request for Proposals will go out pending the results.
5. **Marsh:** The property owner contacted Mr. Starnes informing him that the contract with the broker has expired due to lack of interest in the market. Mr. Starnes will continue to directly communicate with the owner for redevelopment prospects. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.
6. **FHRA:** The City continues to work together with the Ft. Harrison Reuse Authority during staffing reorganization. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Professional services engagement – London Witte Group for financial advisory services related to economic development projects:** Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Kimery made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously by a show of hands. Mr. Sullivan made the point that he believes the staff should inquire as to an entity's diversity when considering the entity as a vendor for the Commission.
2. **Professional services engagement – Kroger Gardis and Regas for legal services related to economic development projects:** Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Marien made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Hicks seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously by a show of hands. Mr. Sullivan reiterated the point that he believes the staff should inquire as to an entity's diversity when considering the entity as a vendor for the Commission.
3. **Resolution to authorize staff to pursue acquisition of 4351 N. Shadeland Ave and 4701 Longworth Ave. for redevelopment purposes:** Mr. Starnes provided clarification and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Starnes asked the Commission for approval to request from the County Treasurer, pricing and availability for the acquisition of the parcels through intergovernmental transfer at an estimated cost of \$1,000.00. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously by a show of hands.
4. **Determination of December meeting:** The date of Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. was approved by the Commission. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Marien seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously by a show of hands.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC: Mr. Dave Bego (CBSE) addressed the Commission with his interest for an interchange to be built at I-70 and German Church Road.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Clifford concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Marien motioned for adjournment at 5:17 p.m. and Mr. Kimery seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



Jerry Clifford, 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.