

Economic Development Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2021

I. Call to order

Chair Chuck Goad called to order the regular meeting of the Economic Development Advisory Board at 3:30 PM on January 5, 2021 via Teams and conference call.

II. Roll call

The following members were present:

Chair Chuck Goad (9-0)
Vice-Chair Wayne Stephany (9-0)
Secretary Tony Royse (9-0)
Jason Curtis (9-0)
Brian Hight (1-1)
Trisha Purdon (Ex-Officio)
Lisa Wilson (Ex-Officio)
Tabitha Snodgrass (Ex-Officio)

The following members were absent:

Paul Yaroslaski (6-3)
Lori Kelley (8-1)

The following staff were present:

City Manager Kelly Passauer
Assistant City Manager David Cowan
Finance Director Lacey Lies
Administrative Aide Lydia Collins

The following visitors were present:

None

III. Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2020 and November 16, 2020

A motion was made by Tony Royse to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2020 meeting, and the November 16, 2020 meeting, which was seconded by Wayne Stephany. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reorganization

A. Election of Chair

Wayne Stephany made a motion that Chuck Goad serve as Chair, Tony Royse seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

B. Election of Vice Chair

Jason Curtis made a motion that Wayne Stephany serve as Vice-Chair, Chuck Goad seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

C. Election of Secretary

Wayne Stephany made a motion that Tony Royse serve as Secretary. Jason Curtis seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

V. Items Requiring Action

A. Consider assigning a subcommittee to work with City staff to review progress from 2020 and prepare a report to the City Commission.

Tony Royse, Chuck Goad and Wayne Stephany volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to work with City staff to review progress from 2020 and prepare a report to the City Commission.

VI. Items for Discussion

A. Status of Labette inducement agreement.

Lacey Lies stated that Jeff Chubb drafted an agreement and that she and Chuck I provided comments on it. She asked how the board felt about a 25% allowance for hiring in Montgomery County, and not just in the City.

Tony Royse asked if the agreement was modeled on the last one.

Lacey Lies stated that there were different requirements for this one.

Chuck Goad stated that the CBA is based is on the tax revenue generated within the City by resident employees. The CBA numbers will be skewed if hiring is done outside the City and allowed to qualify for incentives. Chuck suggested keeping the incentive requirement for employees who reside in the City's taxing district.

Wayne Stephany and Jason Curtis supported that thought.

B. Status of request to establish a "Neighborhood Exterior Grant Program"

Kelly Passauer reported that there was a meeting today at 2:00 and Commissioner Hayes will prepare the program guidelines and the subcommittee will meet again on January 13th to review it.

C. Status of Company "X" project.

Trisha Purdon reported that she had asked the company if they had finished the State forms and the State has not received that, but she had a great meeting with the company and will be sending a proposal. She further stated that they must have the State paperwork submitted before they can even be considered, however, once received the State will get their part done fairly quickly. Jobs grants funding would be available for this project, which puts Independence in the running. She emphasized that the State Legislature is not allowed to offer an incentive without the paperwork filled out.

Wayne Stephany asked about a timeline, to which Chuck Goad indicated it was in the incentive agreement. Chuck Goad stated that when they sign the incentive agreement the timeline starts running.

D. Other Items for Discussion

Lacey Lies suggested that the group come up with the goals the group wants to try to accomplish for the year.

Chuck Goad said that the board is bound somewhat by the Resolution that established the Board, but within the boundaries we can review it and discuss it.

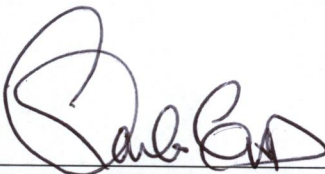
Kelly Passauer will email out the scope of the Economic Development Advisory Board so members can bring back their goals for 2021.

Brian Hight was welcomed to the board.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Tony Royse seconded by Brian Hight to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes approved by:



Chuck Goad, Chair



Tony Royse, Secretary