



CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY ROOM

LAWRENCE GOVERNMENT CENTER

9001 E. 59th Street

Thursday, July 25, 2024

3:30 P.M.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

President Blakely determined a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Meeting attended by Commissioners Blakely, Swayne, Whittaker, and Willey.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the May meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Willey, seconded by Commissioner Whittaker, and adopted 4-0.

Approval of Claims and Purchase Orders for Payment

Director Johnson introduced the claims that need to be paid. Commissioner Swayne made a motion to approve, Commissioner Whittaker seconded, and the claims were adopted 4-0.

Old Business

- Re-adoption of prior minutes, claims, and resolutions – no action was taken.

New Business

1. Executive Director's Report – Director Johnson announced a back-to-school event hosted by Mayor Whitfield at Alexander Park on Sunday, July 28th from noon to 3p. Also announced IndyGo on Thursday, Oct 17th at 10a will be a Purple Line kickoff event. Director Johnson indicated that he continues to look for parcels available for sale along Pendleton Pike. Mayor Whitfield and Director Johnson also went to Washington DC to meet with Transportation Secretary Buttigieg and Congressman Carson to advocate for federal resources to Lawrence.

2. Presentation from HWC re: prior engineering services work for the commission -- Director Johnson introduced the concept of connecting Records Street in the trades district from the Pike to Franklin Road. Prior work was done by HWC and the commission should expect a proposal for a new scope of work at a future meeting.
3. REA Overlay Proposal – Attorney Russell Brown presented the concept of an overlay district to the commission for Pendleton Pike re: zoning uses and design standards. Kristen Self from REA explained the proposal to plan new design standards, display space, and uses for real estate along Pendleton Pike. Adoption of a new overlay district would need to be approved by the RDC, Lawrence Common Council, and the MDC. Commissioner Willey made the motion to approve the proposal, Commissioner Whittaker seconded the motion, and it was adopted 4-0.

Any Other Business to Come Before the Commission

Attorney Brown indicated that we will likely have an executive session in the months ahead to discuss real estate strategy.

Mayor Deb Whitfield addressed the commission to thank them for their work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.