



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Council Session

Item I1

#2006-311 - Approving Funding of Economic Development Request

Staff Contact: Marlan Ferguson, EDC President

Council Agenda Memo

From: Dave Springer, Finance Director
Meeting: October 10, 2006
Subject: Approving Economic Development Funding Request
Item #'s: I-1
Presenter(s): Dave Springer, Finance Director

Background

On July 22, 2003, the City Council approved Ordinance No.8830 adopting an Economic Development Program for the City of Grand Island in conformance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 18-2710. This provides for annual funding of \$750,000 by the City.

Discussion

A request has been received from the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation, duly approved by the Citizen's Review Committee for payment of \$350,000. Said funds to be used for operating expenses, community publicity, and promotion.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the request for funds.
2. Disapprove or Deny the request for funds.
3. Modify the Resolution to meet the wishes of the Council.
4. Table the issue.

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the request for funds.

Sample Motion

Motion to approve the request for funds to allow payment of \$350,000 to the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation.



PROJECT APPLICATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

1. Applicant Business Name Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp.

Address The Downtown Center, 308 North Locust, STE 400, Grand Island, NE 68801

Telephone (308) 381-7500

Email Address mferguson@grandisland.org

Business Contact Person Marian Ferguson, President

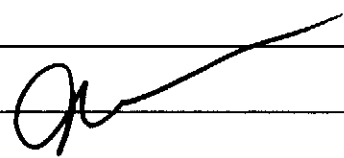
Telephone (308) 381-7500

2. Business Organization: Corporation Partnership
 Proprietor Other

3. Business Type: Startup Existing
 Business Buyout Spec Building
 Other

4. Project Location: Within the city limits of Grand Island, Nebraska
 Outside the city limits, but within the 2 mile zoning jurisdiction
 Outside the zoning jurisdiction of Grand Island in (county) _____

5. Product or Services Provided: Economic growth, job creation, expansion of the tax base, and support for current businesses.



6. Project Description: Operating overhead to include ~~salaries and benefits~~, occupancy costs, supplies, business recruitment, and community publicity. To offset cost associated with infrastructure including: interest, real estate taxes, maintenance, advertising, special assessments to city, debt service payments, and infrastructure needs study (long range plan).

7. Project Timetable: October 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2007

8. Employment Information:

Current number of employees 2 (full-time equivalent)

Proposed number of employees N/A (full-time equivalent)

What is the average hourly wage for all employees? N/A

Number of new jobs to be created N/A (full-time equivalent)

What would be the average hourly wage for new jobs? N/A

Number of jobs to be retained, if any N/A (full-time equivalent)

Please describe all benefits which the business provides to employees: N/A

9. Financing/Incentives Requested: The request for \$350,000 funding from LB-840 funds is
for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2007. Application being
made is to continue Economic Development within Hall County under state statute 13-315
and 18-2721 (LB-840).

NOTE: Additional Information may be required and made part of this application by attachment.

To the best of my knowledge, this application and supporting information is accurate, and may be relied upon by representatives of the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation (GIAEDC).


By: *Marlan Ferguson*
Marlan Ferguson
President
Title

Date: 09/14/2006

Date Referred to Grand Island Area Economic Development Corp. Executive Committee: September 14, 2006

Approved: x Disapproved: Date: 09/14/2006

Comments: _____

Signature of 1st Vice Chairman:  _____
Cindy Thiemann

Date Referred to Citizen's Review Committee: September 25, 2006

Approved: x Disapproved: Date: 9/25/06

Comments: _____

Signature of Chairman:  _____
Tim White

Date Referred to City Council: _____

Approved: x Disapproved: Date: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Mayor: _____
Jay Vavricek

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA

MINUTES OF CITIZENS' REVIEW COMMITTEE

September 25, 2006

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Citizens' Review Committee (CRC) of Grand Island, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 East First Street, on September 25, 2006. Notice of the meeting was given in *The Grand Island Independent* on September 18, 2006.

Chairman Tim White called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. The following board members were present: Tim White, Ed Armstrong, Dehn Renter, and Dan Eakes. Members Mark Stelk, Bill Thiemann, and Lisa Willman were absent. The following City Officials were present: City Clerk RaNae Edwards, Finance Director David Springer, Interim City Attorney Dale Shotkoski, and City Administrator Gary Greer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Motion was made by Ed Armstrong, second by Dehn Renter to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2006 CRC meeting. Motion adopted unanimously.

REVIEW OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

DISCUSSION OF SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL: The semi-annual report of the Citizens' Review Committee will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

REVIEW OF GRAND ISLAND AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUNDING APPLICATION: Marlan Ferguson, Grand Island Economic Development (EDC) President presented an application from EDC for LB-840 funds for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2007 in the amount of \$350,000. Reviewed were budgeted costs for FY 2006-2007, economic impact, and progress for Grand Island. (See attached Annual Report 2006)

Mr. Ferguson stated the current five projects had all met the requirements of their applications. The Committee requested the EDC Annual Report include the date of the application, the number of employees projected and current number of employees.

Discussion was held regarding the 2006-2007 Budget. Mr. Ferguson stated no salaries would be included in this request and the application would be changed to delete "salaries and benefits" from item number 6. Other funding would cover the salaries and benefits.

Mr. Ferguson reported they currently had four proposals sent out with approximately two requests coming in each week. EDC was targeting those businesses which would fit the community best. Food processing companies were being targeted.

Tim White complimented the EDC on the Community Economic Development Certification received recently from the Nebraska Diplomats. Mr. Ferguson explained the process for certification.

Motion was made by Dan Eakes, second by Ed Armstrong to approve the EDC application for funding in the amount of \$350,000. Upon roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion adopted.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

RaNae Edwards
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION 2006-311

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2003, by Ordinance No. 8830, the City Council of the City of Grand Island approved and adopted an Economic Development Program for the City of Grand Island prepared in conformity with Neb. Rev. Statute §18-2710; and

WHEREAS, such program was amended on August 12, 2003, by Ordinance No. 8832; and

WHEREAS, the program provides for \$750,000 in annual funding to be provided by the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation and the Economic Development Program's Citizens Review Committee for the payment of \$350,000 to be used for operating expenses, community publicity and promotion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that approval is given to forward \$350,000 in City funding to the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation in accordance with the Economic Development Program.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, October 10, 2006.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ☐ _____
October 6, 2006 ☐ City Attorney