



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 14, 2012

Council Session

Item I1

#2012-138 - Consideration of Amending Ballot Language for City Economic Development Plan

Staff Contact: Robert J. Sivick, City Attorney

Council Agenda Memo

From: Robert J. Sivick, City Attorney

Meeting: August 14, 2012

Subject: Amending Ballot Language for City Economic Development Plan

Item #'s: I-5

Presenter(s): Robert J. Sivick, City Attorney

Background

On May 22, 2012 the Grand Island City Council (Council) approved Resolution 2012-138 which set ballot language for a renewal of the City of Grand Island's (City) Economic Development Program in accordance with the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, more commonly known as LB840. Resolution 2012-138 also placed that matter on the November 6, 2012 general election ballot for approval by the voters of Grand Island.

Discussion

The City Administration has been approached by the More Good Jobs for Grand Island Committee (Committee), the entity that is conducting the campaign for the approval of the renewal of the City's Economic Development Program. Specifically, the Committee has requested minor changes in the ballot language previously approved by the Council pursuant to Resolution 2012-138. To make those requested changes, the Council would have to amend Resolution 2012-138.

Alternatives

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

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

The City Administration recommends the Council amend Resolution 2012-138 to incorporate the Committee's recommended changes.

Sample Motion

Move to amend Resolution 2012-138 to incorporate the ballot language changes as recommended by the More Good Jobs for Grand Island Committee.

July 19, 2012

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Re: Economic Development Program Ballot Language

On Wednesday, the More Good Jobs for Grand Island committee met to address several items related to the campaign. Our first agenda item was the ballot language. As a committee we support the new language and ask that you bring forward the requested language to City Council and amend Resolution #2012-138. A red-line of the current language and the supported changes is also attached.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOBS PROGRAM RENEWAL

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A vote for this measure will renew the Economic Development jobs program for a period of ten (10) years.

A vote against this program will not renew the Economic Development program and allow it to expire September 30, 2013.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOBS PROGRAM SUMMARY

The City of Grand Island is proposing to renew its Economic Development Plan to increase the number of quality jobs for the people of Grand Island by attracting new employers and assisting existing employers. The renewal is for a period of ten years at an annual cost of Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00), which represents no increase from the current plan. The program will be funded with local sources of revenue. This program will be in existence for a period of ten years commencing October 1, 2013.

Thank you for your support of the program and the campaign.

Respectfully,

William Marshall
Chairman

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOBS PROGRAM SUMMARY

The City of Grand Island is proposing to renew its Economic Development Plan ~~for a period of ten years in order to attract new employers and assist existing employers~~ to increase the number of quality jobs for the people of Grand Island by attracting new employers and assisting existing employers. The renewal is for a period of ten years at an annual cost of the program will be Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)-, which represents no increase from the current plan. ~~The~~ This program will be funded with local sources of revenue. ~~Revenue from publicly owned utilities may be used to fund utility related projects needed for economic development.~~ This program will be in existence for a period of ten years commencing October 1, 2013.

RESOLUTION 2012-138

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is proposing a ten (10) year renewal of its Economic Development Program to continue the success of its present Program in seeking new employers and assisting existing employers to increase the number of quality jobs for the people of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Economic Development Program has been prepared in accordance with the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, codified at Chapter 18, Article 27 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Economic Development Program has been written to foster and maximize future economic development while at the same time improving accountability, transparency, and safeguarding taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council propose to present this Economic Development Program to the voters of the City of Grand Island for their approval at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA,

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby approve and adopt the Economic Development Program attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution by reference.

That the following language shall be submitted to the Hall County Election Commissioner for inclusion on the Grand Island City ballot for the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT JOBS PROGRAM RENEWAL

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A vote against this program will not renew the Economic Development Jobs ~~p~~Program and allow it to expire ~~in~~ on September 30, 2013.

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August 16, 2012	☐ City Attorney

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That the City Clerk is directed to certify the above ballot language with the Hall County Election Commissioner for inclusion on the Grand Island City ballot for the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

That the City Clerk is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution and the proposed Economic Development Plan and make such available for public review at City Hall, the Edith Abbott Memorial Library, and the offices of the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation during regular business hours.

Amended and adopted as amended by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, on August 14, 2012.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk