

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Monday, April 8, 2019
Regular Meeting

Item 1

Approval of minutes for meeting of April 12, 2018

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CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**April 12, 2018
Scottsbluff City Hall**

A meeting of the City of Scottsbluff Economic Development Citizen's Advisory Committee was held on April 12, 2018, at Noon, at City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE.

Committee members in attendance were Mark Harris, Diane Vandenberg, Marci Meyer and Scott Philips. Also in attendance were Nathan Johnson (City Manager/Program Administrator), Liz Hilyard (City Finance Director) and Rick Ediger (Deputy City Attorney).

Chairman Harris opened the meeting. It was noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council chambers. There were no changes in the agenda or citizens with unscheduled business.

The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2018 meeting. It was moved by Meyer and seconded by Vandenberg that the minutes of that meeting be approved. Voting yes: Harris, Vandenberg, Meyer and Philips. Voting no: None.

The next order of business was to review Job Credit Reports from Economic Development Program participants. Due to the fact that confidential information would be presented, it was necessary for the Committee to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing Job Credit Reports. It was moved by Philips and seconded by Meyer that the Committee go into executive session and include all City staff currently present at the meeting. Voting yes: Harris, Vandenberg, Meyer, and Philips. Voting no: None. The executive session began at 12:06 p.m.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the meeting was reconvened in open session at 12:28 p.m. The Chairman indicated the Committee had received information concerning various program recipients during the executive session, but no action had been taken during the executive session. Reports were received and reviewed from the following representing job credits earned as of December 31, 2017:

Vertex
Aulick Manufacturing
Fusion Ranch
EagleMed
Regional West Medical Center

The next order of business concerned an update concerning Flyover Brewing. Due to the recent roof collapse, its opening date will likely be pushed back. Work is still progressing on the building. The first Note payment due from Flyover was to be July 1, 2018, but the City expects that a request for extension may be made.

It was indicated that LB768 would authorize grants and loans for early childhood care and education programs. The City would need to go through the process of deciding whether a business engaged in this activity could be added as a Qualifying Business. However, this bill is not likely to be passed this session.

With respect to action items, it was moved by Vandenberg and seconded by Philips that the Job Credit Reports from the businesses listed above be accepted. Voting yes: Harris, Vandenberg, Meyer, and Philips. Voting no: None. Notification of this action by the Committee will be given to all of the above businesses.

Chairman Harris commented on the increased number of recent grants and loans. While he is in favor of helping local businesses, he was concerned about whether there would be sufficient amounts in the Economic Development Fund in the event there was an opportunity to bring in a large outside business. City Manager Johnson indicated that the City Council had committed \$1,000,000 to qualifying businesses that may locate in the Gering Industrial Park. Any such businesses would have to go through the normal City application process. In addition, \$588,000 had been committed to housing in order to support the LB518 grant applied for by Panhandle Regional Development, Inc.

It was moved by Philips and seconded by Meyer that staff prepare report to City Council indicating that the reporting businesses were in substantial compliance with their Agreements under the Program. Voting yes: Harris, Vandenberg, Meyer and Philips. Voting no: None.

There being no further business, it was moved by Mark and seconded by Vandenberg to adjourn the meeting. Voting yes: Harris, Vandenberg, Mark, Meyer and Philips; Voting no: None. The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Nathan Johnson, Program Administrator