

MINUTES
LAWTON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE CENTER
NEW CITY HALL
JULY 7, 2011, AT 2:00 P.M.

Fred Fitch, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. in the New City Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room. Meeting notice and agenda were posted on the City Hall bulletin board as required by State Law.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Denham, David; Fitch, Fred; Madigan, David; Nance, Ron; Wells, Doug; Zarle, Richard.

ABSENT: Means, David; Neal, Larry; Sheppard, Ernie.

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Ezell, City Clerks Office, Frank Jensen, City Attorneys Office.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST

Fitch stated we have with us today Debra Burch from the Chamber, Councilman Rex Givens of Ward 5 and Steve Robinson from the Lawton Constitution.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Approve the minutes of June 16, 2011.

Denham stated on page three the word conservation should be conversation.

Motion by Wells, **Second** by Denham, to approve the minutes with stated corrections. **Aye:** Fitch; Madigan; Nance; Wells; Denham. **Abstained:** Zarle. **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**

2. Consider approving invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment and take action as deemed necessary.

Fitch stated there are two invoices for the Batchelor's needing your approval today.

Madigan asked is it this entities responsibility to pay for the Military Growth Analysis.

Mitchell stated yes. This is the application we will be submitting to the Department of Commerce. Batchelor and I feel until we have something firm such as a closing we don't want to submit the application. This is State sales tax we will capture as the project cost are incurred and the revenues stream picks up. It will not be paid in advance but as it is being paid by the retailers in the district.

Denham asked is it limited to infrastructure improvements.

Mitchell stated yes.

Wells stated it is amazing that we are paying them that much money and I haven't seen what he does.

Motion by Denham, Second by Madigan, to approve invoices, requisitions, and all other submitted materials for payment. **Aye:** Wells; Denham; Fitch; Madigan; Nance. **Nay:** Zarle. **Motion Carried.**

3. Receive Treasurers Report and take action as deemed necessary.

Fitch stated there isn't a report today.

4. Review and consider approving the Lawton Downtown Economic Development Project First Amended Implementation Agreement Among The City of Lawton, The Lawton Economic Development Authority, and The Lawton Urban Renewal Authority.

Mitchell stated LURA approved this agreement yesterday.

Jensen stated this is cleanup of the 2006 agreement. It was triggered by Dr. Sheppard on behalf of LURA as to why LURA wasn't approving the Redevelopment Agreements. LURA should have been approving them all. This amendment indicates that LURA approves the Original Redevelopment Agreement, the Amended Redevelopment Agreement and the Supplement Redevelopment Agreement. This agreement will go to the City of Lawton for their approval also. I would like to emphasize that the disposal of property for the twelve block area LURA will transfer to LEDA as quickly as possible once we have a closing scheduled like we do now on October 15. This is a cleanup with those two major points.

Mitchell stated in the original agreement there was not conversation on how the transfer would occur.

Madigan asked clarify when you state an October 15th closing you are referencing to what?

Jensen stated the hotel/conference center.

Motion by Wells, Second by Denham, to the Lawton Downtown Economic Development Project First Amended Implementation Agreement Among The City of Lawton, The Lawton Economic Development Authority, and The Lawton Urban Renewal Authority. **Aye:** Madigan; Nance; Wells; Zarle; Denham; Fitch. **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Pursuant to Section 307B3 and C10, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session for the purposes of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, including the purchase/transfer of property and financing in connection with the Lawton Downtown Redevelopment Project, for the hotel-conference center and the mixed-use commercial retail establishments and take appropriate action, if necessary, in open session.

Motion by Wells, Second by Madigan, to convene into executive session. **Aye:** Nance; Wells; Zarle; Denham; Fitch; Madigan. **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**

The Authority convened in executive session at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 3:10 p.m. Roll call reflected Nance; Wells; Zarle; Denham; Fitch; Madigan.

Fitch stated the Authority convened into Executive Session Pursuant to Section 307B3 and C10, Title 25, Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening in executive session for the purposes of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, including the purchase/transfer of property and financing in connection with the Lawton Downtown Redevelopment Project, for the hotel-conference center and the mixed-use commercial retail establishments with no action taken.

DISCUSSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Mitchell stated I would like to pass out a map that shows the balance of the streets and alleys we will be closing. A public hearing is scheduled for the second meeting in August. The gray shaded area is the area already closed and vacated by Council. This will complete all the street closing and alley vacation necessary for the Phase IA area.

Givens stated I'm interested in these closing.

Fitch stated these are just a continuation of what we have already closed.

Givens stated we need to make sure Albert Johnson and the church know exactly what is happening.

Fitch stated we had a conversation with Johnson yesterday and he fully understand.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wells, Second by Denham, to adjourn. **Aye:** Wells; Zarel; Denham; Fitch; Madigan; Means. **Nay:** None. **Motion Carried.**