

STATE OF NEW MEXICO)
COUNTY OF CURRY) ss.

The City of Clovis Economic Incentive Board met in regular session at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 23rd, 2022 in the North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library, in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Brett Johnson, County resident, Chairman
Raymond Mondragon, District 4, Vice Chairman
George Jones, District 1
Kevin Cass, District 3
David Robinson, Utility Service Provider
Matthew Glenn, Industry
Alan Kinlund, Bank/Finance/Accountant
Joseph Blaschke, Bank/Finance/Accountant

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:

Kent Carruthers, CIDC
Justin Howalt, City Manager

EX-OFFICIO ABSENT:

Ernie Kos, Chamber Director
Dr. Charles Nwankwo, CCC President

ALSO PRESENT:

Claire Burroughes, Assistant City Manager
Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:31 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of minutes of December 1, 2021

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of December 1, 2021; Mr. Kinlund seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Discussion and appointment of person to serve on the TIP Strategies Economic Development Plan

Ms. Burroughes advised the commission hired TIP strategies to develop an economic development plan for the city. They are asking for a steering committee and would like a member from EIB to serve on that committee. Mr. Blaschke asked how often they would meet. Ms. Burroughes advised they would probably meet monthly and the first meeting would be in March. They have someone from CIDC, the Chamber, two commissioners, Clovis MainStreet, EPCOG, Plateau, SWC, CCC, Workforce Development and the County. Mr. Mondragon made a motion to appoint Mr. Blaschke to serve on the steering committee; Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Update regarding the LEDA for Retail Task Force

Mr. Howalt advised the LEDA task force has met four times this year. They started with reviewing the state statute as it applies to LEDA as well as looking at other communities that had previously adopted GRIP ordinances. They adopted and approved the changes to the ordinance. They had conversations discussing the refunding the gross receipts tax and what the percentage should be. Also, discussed the percentage of the construction of the land and lease payments that could be based off of. They will have another meeting in two weeks. Once everything is completed they will bring recommendations to this board for a recommendation to the city commission.

Mr. Mondragon advised they already have some interest and he has coordinated that with Ernie Kos. Mr. Johnson asked when they would have this completed. Mr. Howalt advised in the next two meetings they should have policy drafted and ready to review.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Economic Development Fund Financial Report

Mr. Howalt advised the fund had \$3.826 million at the end of January. They had expenses of \$2,800 for January and year to date expenses are \$58,000, most of which are gross receipts tax fees as well as fees to Clovis Economic Development Corporation for their services. They had \$182,000 in revenues for January and year to date is \$800,000. They have received the PILT payments from SWC and Western Interconnect.

Mr. Carruthers advised one of the main things CIDC has done is refreshed their brand. CIDC has elected to change their name to Clovis Economic Development, CED. Their search for a director continues, which they have done a nationwide search for. Clovis Remote has done well and they had a soft opening with CAFB spouses. They had 30 registered for that program, 10 have completed it and received jobs, five more have completed and are actively looking and 12 are in different stages. The program is also working with Workforce Connection.

CIDC has issued three proposals through NM Partnership. One is a biofuel that has requested an application for LEDA funding. They have one other potential project that they had to sign a confidentiality agreement on. They have a high demand for water and are working with their engineers on that. Until CIDC has that they may or may not move forward. Cannabis prospects have approached as well as retail.

Agenda Item No. 7 – For the good of the order

Mr. Mondragon advised EPCOG has contracted with KW Consulting who are updating their regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The COG was able to secure approximately \$1,461,000 for the region. EPCOG was approved for \$25,000 for security improvements.

The National Rural Economic Development Association National Conference is coming to Albuquerque in the fall. Mr. Mondragon suggested having the CEO of Southwest Cheese give a presentation at the conference. The conference is in November and he will get the exact dates to the board.

Mr. Howalt advised the City of Clovis received funding for the extension line for water to the airport through the Economic Development Department. EPCOR is working on that and the design is scheduled to be completed in April, then they will go to bid in May.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.