

Economic Incentive Board Regular Meeting North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library, 701 N. Main Street, Clovis, NM 88101 8:30 AM , Wednesday, September 13, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. Approval of minutes of June 14, 2023
 - 2. Approval of special meeting minutes of August 17, 2023
- IV. <u>UPDATE ON CED PROJECTS</u>
- V. <u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND FINANCIAL REPORT</u>
- VI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

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City of Clovis, New Mexico Request for Commission Approval

Type of Action: Action

Date Action Required: September 13, 2023

Requestor: Vicki Reyes

Department: Administration

Date: 09/13/2023

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	Approval	of mir	nutes of	June	14.	. 202 3
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Background/Summary:
Fiscal Impact:
Requestor's Suggested Alternative(s):
Requestor's Recommendation(s):

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4 5 6 7	May 17, 2023 in the North Anno	acentive Board met in a special session at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, ex, Clovis-Carver Library, in full conformity with the laws of the edinances and resolutions of said city with the following members					
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15	present.	Gail Tarson, District 2 Kevin Cass, District 3 Alan Kinlund, Bank/Finance/Accountant Danny Jariwala, District 1 (virtual) Brett Johnson, County resident, Chairman Jason Gonzales, Industry Tyler Lucas, Bank/Finance/Accountant					
16 17 18	ABSENT:	Raymond Mondragon, District 4, Vice Chairman Matthew Glenn, Industry					
19 20 21 22	EX-OFFICIO PRESENT:	Tina Dziuk, CED Justin Howalt, City Manager Lee Malloy, CED Board President					
23 24 25 26	ALSO PRESENT:	Claire Burroughes, Assistant City Manager Vicki Reyes, Assistant City Clerk Jared Morris, City Attorney Ernie Kos, Chamber of Commerce Director					
27 28 29	Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum						
30	Agenda Item No. 3 – Approval of minutes of May 17, 2023						
31 32	Mr. Kinlund made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2023; Ms. Tarson seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.						
33	Agenda Item No. 4 – Update on CED projects						
34 35 36 37 38 39 40	Ms. Dziuk advised there are two green energy companies that have land in the Industrial Park. One is still moving forward and the other has stalled. Mr. Malloy advised the most recent conversation with the one that has stalled was that they want to expand their lots at the Industrial Park, but the lots they requested are already in use. He has suggested alternate spaces and is waiting to hear back. Ms. Dziuk advised they were meeting with an out-of-state manufacturer and this would be their third location. She also spoke to an out-of-state developer that is looking at a retail project in Clovis and they are meeting with another developer next week.						
41 42 43	Ms. Dziuk advised last week she sat in on a New Mexico Connectivity meeting and they spotlighted Plateau. CED are going over a LEDA for Retail application that they received last week and she hopes to bring that to the board at their next meeting. They are finalizing their						

- 1 Strategic Planning and hope to present it to the ED Board at their next meeting. They are
- 2 working to revive their business incubator and she has applied to get new office equipment since
- 3 they don't currently have anyone in this location.

4 Agenda Item No. 5 – Economic Development Fund Financial Report

- 5 Mr. Howalt welcomed Tyler Lucas to the board.
- 6 Ending in May they have an ending cash balance of \$5 million, \$1.1 million invested and the rest
- 7 cash in bank. Revenues for 2023 were budgeted for \$1.3 million and they have \$1.4 million in
- 8 revenues coming in. Expenditures year to date are \$138,000 which mostly is going to software,
- 9 admin fees and upkeep of the industrial park.
- 10 Agenda Item No. 6 For the good of the order
- 11 None.
- 12 **Agenda Item No. 7 Adjournment**
- 13 There being no further business to come before the board the meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

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Approval of spec	ial meeting	minutes of	August 17	. 2023

Background/Summary:
Fiscal Impact:
Requestor's Suggested Alternative(s)
Requestor's Recommendation(s):

Economic Incentive Board

~ Minutes ~

701 N. Main Clovis, NM 88101 www.cityofclovis.org

August 17, 2023

4:00 p.m.

North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library

I) CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Mondragon called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

II) ROLL CALL

Present: Alan Kinlund

Brett Johnson, Virtual

Gail Tarson Kevin Cass Matthew Glenn Raymond Mondragon Danny Jariwala, Virtual

Jason Gonzales Tyler Lucas

Absent: George Jones

Others Justin Howalt, City Manager

Present: Claire Burroughes, Assistant City Manager

Tina Dziuk, CED Director Lee Malloy, CED Chairman

III) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF LEDA FOR RETAIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Mr. Howalt advised they have been trying to get the best policies in place for the City of Clovis. They have made a couple of modifications since it was originally adopted. They removed the upfront financials. They have come to learn that the developers, not the tenants of the stores, are the ones doing the recruitment for the tenants to come to this community. The developers are entering into the lease agreements those retailers. In order to encourage the developers, they decided to change the policies so that the developers would also be incentivized.

They had one section that prevented developers from participating in the LEDA for Retail incentives. Page 7 of the packet, they removed "developers of projects for retail shall not be eligible for consideration for incentives under the program." Page 9, Project Criteria, will stay the same.

Mr. Mondragon asked who the agent would be as it states on page 2, "recommended by agent". Mr. Howalt advised rather than listing a specific organization they left it broad by listing agent.

Mr. Kinland asked what the thought process was behind not allowing developers. Mr. Howalt advised they don't want to incentivize a developer that is going to build a lot of spec space and not know who the tenant is. They want everything tied back to the gap analysis. The developer will have to have the tenant lined out so the board can analyze can make sure they fit into the gap analysis. If they do, they can incentive the developer and not directly the tenant.

Ms. Tarson asked if this was a reimbursement from gross receipts how would this apply to the developer. She asked if they would be double dipping if the retailer then asked for incentives. Mayor Morris advised this concept for a city this size wasn't even legal until few years ago. They have developed a policy and are learning as they go. He advised they had a discussion in the working group regarding avoiding awarding a grant to a developer to build a spec strip mall and not having tenants lined up. If they are reimbursing the 2 1/2% of the GRT of retail sales within the gap then they don't care who they are reimbursing as long as it's happening. By striking that language they have the opportunity to have a developer see the opportunity to work with a project that would fill the gap, build the facility, rent it and the developer would earn the incentive based on the generation of retail sales. The tenant would provide the developer with a copy of their GRT remittance form each month and that is what the developer would use to request their rebate from the City of Clovis. Ms. Tarson asked if it would have to be one or the other that would apply the rebate. Mayor Morris advised it would be one or the other, but striking the language give the EIB, Ms. Dziuk and CED the opportunity to be creative. They wouldn't want to prohibit a sharing of the rebate.

Ms. Tarson asked how they keep track of this. Mr. Howalt advised once the applicant is approved then it comes back to staff to track and monitor. Another scenario, is what is eligible for incentives is tied to land, building and infrastructure so theoretically if all it took to bring a retailer in was for the developer to consider their construction costs then the board could reimburse those construction costs and there not need to be a relationship with the tenant. The tenant is going to be tied to the lease payments.

Mr. Kinlund asked how someone was going to apply and tell the board that their potential leasee falls inside the gap analysis before the board evaluates. Mayor Morris advised CED would be working with the projects and advising the developers of the incentives that are available. Mr. Howalt advised they would have to have LOI's signed up front and the gap analysis is public information.

Mr. Malloy, CED Chairman, advised they would be creative when they bring things forward. It might potentially be a bookkeeping scenario where they rely on the city to keep up with for them. If the developer is the recipient of the incentive they can always pass a portion along as they see fit but it will be a negotiation between the tenant and developer. Mr. Mondragon asked if the CED Board was on board with these recommendations. Mr. Malloy advised they were.

Mr. Kinlund asked if a developer builds a new structure could they partner ahead of time with CED to get back their 2 1/2% on GRT on the labor cost it took build the facility. Mr. Howalt advised the developer could but would have to have a tenant lined up that already fits into the gap analysis. Mr. Kinlund asked if he was the developer and Mr. Glenn was the tenant then he could apply to get the 2 1/2% on the money he spent to develop the building and then Mr. Glenn could put in a separate application. Ms. Tarson advised not if the developer received all of the 2 1/2%. There is only 2 1/2% to offer. Mr. Kinlund advised the first year the tenant will not have sales because the developer is building the tenants buildings. The developer would want the GRT for the year he spent the capital to build the building. Mayor Morris advised the incentive was generated by those retail sales so the developer is not getting a rebate while they are building the building.

Mr. Lucas asked if the developer sells the property does the new owner have to go back through the process or will it transition to the new owner of the building. Mr. Howalt advised it would depend on the agreement between the buyer and seller.

Ms. Tarson advised it seems it could get murky in keeping track of the developers costs. If a developer is developing an entire strip mall and has a tenant in unit A and one in unit B, could the developer submit for each of the tenants. How are they keeping track of those costs for each unit. Mr. Howalt advised if the developer is asking for construction costs they can break that down by price per square foot. If it is rebating the tenant sales then it would be very specific to each one of those units.

Mr. Jariwala advised it seems they are trying to make this more complicated. He asked why they couldn't leave it up to the developer and tenant to work out between themselves rather than having it done this way. He asked why they couldn't split the 2 1/2% between the developer and tenant and let them work it out themselves. Mayor Morris advised they made that same argument. He has spoken with developers and CED has spoken with a longer list of developers and it doesn't seem to work in the real world. What is being proposed still allows for this but it creates flexibility for the incentive to go either/or or to both. Mr. Mondragon advised that was generally settled during negotiations.

RESULT: ADOPTED MOVER: Alan Kinlund SECONDER: Gail Tarson

AYES: Alan Kinlund, Gail Tarson, Kevin Cass, Matthew Glenn, Raymond

Mondragon, Danny Jariwala, Jason Gonzales, Tyler Lucas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: George Jones, Brett Johnson

IV) FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

V) ADJOURNMENT

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