



City of Broken Arrow
Minutes
City Council Teleconference Meeting

City Hall
220 S 1st Street
Broken Arrow OK
74012

Mayor Craig Thurmond
Vice Mayor Scott Eudey
Council Member Johnnie Parks
Council Member Debra Wimpee
Council Member Christi Gillespie

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Time 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Mayor Craig Thurmond called the teleconference meeting to order at approximately 6:54 p.m.

2. Invocation

There was no invocation.

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

4. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Thurmond led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

5. Consideration of Consent Agenda

Mayor Thurmond asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. There were none.

MOTION: A motion was made by Scott Eudey, seconded by Christi Gillespie.

Move to approve the Consent Agenda

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

- A. 20-8 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2020**
- B. 20-356 Acceptance of Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 12, 2020**
- C. 20-423 Approval of and authorization to execute the First Renewal to City of Broken Arrow Rose Maintenance Services Agreement with Gerald Jimenez/DBA ARW Care for Rose Maintenance in the Rose District**
- D. 20-425 Approval of and authorization to execute Change Order CO-5 for Construction Contract ST1711 with H&G Paving; Old Town Streets - Rehabilitation of Ash Avenue from El Paso Street to Detroit Street as well as El Paso Street and College Street from Ash Avenue to Main Street**
- E. 20-412 Notification of City Manager's and Assistant City Manager's execution of Professional Consultant Agreements and Amendments to an Agreement, as well as public Construction Contracts not subject to the Competitive Bid Act, with a Contract value of less than \$25,000**
- F. 20-422 Approval of and authorization to reject the previously awarded competitive bid from Hyperion Munitions and reopen competitive bidding for police rifle and duty ammunition**
- G. 20-406 Award the most advantageous bid to Southwest Trailer for the purchase of three (3) VALK WR-1137 Hydraulic Articulating Snow Plows and Hitches for the Streets Division of the Streets and Stormwater Department**
- H. 20-411 Approval of a conveyance of a Right of Way Easement to Public Service Company of Oklahoma, an Oklahoma corporation, on a tract of property located at the Events Park located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 18 North, Range 15 East, Wagoner County, State of Oklahoma for the Adult Softball Complex. (Project No. 176037)**
- I. 20-430 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register dated April 15, 2020**

6. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

There were no Items removed from the Consent Agenda. No action was taken or needed.

7. Public Hearings, Appeals, Presentations, Recognitions, Awards

- A. 20-404 Presentation regarding the road closure of Florence Street for the construction contract ST1410; Florence Street Widening from Olive to Aspen**
Construction Division Manager Tim Robins reported this project consisted of widening Florence Street between Olive and Aspen. He explained the existing 2-lane asphalt roadway would be widened from 2-lanes to 3-lanes for one half mile, while the remainder of roadway

would be widened from 2-lanes to 5-lanes. He stated in addition to the road widening an RCB (reinforced concrete box) would be installed at the mid mile section. He stated the road closure was associated with the installation of the RCB, storm structures, and water line relocations. He reported the road closure would take effect between Olive St. and 138th East Avenue along Florence Street (111th); a detour route would be implemented to shift traffic accordingly and was incorporated within the associated Road Closure Permit. He displayed a map which illustrated the detour route. He stated road closure warning signs would be installed appropriately. He noted local access would be permitted for residents who lived within the road closure zone. He stated notices would be issued to the public regarding the road closures via social media and press releases. He reported the road closures would begin Monday April 27th and would be in place through August 20th, or sooner, depending on the completion of the work within this section.

Mayor Thurmond asked if this project might take less than four months to complete. Mr. Robins responded in the affirmative; he believed the project would not take four months to complete. He explained originally this project was scheduled to begin June 1st at the end of the school year and was scheduled to be completed in August; however, with the current school closures the project would start much sooner.

Council Member Wimpee asked about coordination with utilities in the area. Mr. Robins reported all the utilities in the construction zone had been relocated for this phase of the project.

Mayor Thurmond thanked Mr. Robins for the presentation.

8. Citizens' Opportunity to Address the Council on General Topics Related to City Business or Services (No action may be taken on matters under this item)

No Citizens signed up to address the Council on general topics related to City business or services.

9. General Council Business

A. 20-428 Consideration, discussion and possible advisory vote on an Amended Proclamation by Craig Thurmond, Mayor of the City of Broken Arrow Ordering all Citizens to Shelter in Place due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

City Manager Michael Spurgeon stated in terms of traditional disaster protocol, the City was in the response and mitigation phase of this emergency situation. He noted the City was continuing to respond to residents in the Community who needed assistance and was continuing to modify work schedules and modify the way services were provided to the Community. He commended the citizens and businesses of Broken Arrow for understanding and working with the City during the pandemic. He recognized the City and Utility employees for continued hard work. He noted the City was in constant communication with various city leaders in the area and throughout the State, as well as members of the Governor's Team and State Officials. He stated weekly, the City was participating in the White House calls regarding the pandemic. He noted the City was also in constant communication with the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and Broken Arrow businesses. He thanked Ms. Jennifer Conway, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce. He thanked the Oklahoma Municipal League Executive Director Mike Fina and his team for coordinating meetings for Mayors and City Managers to hear directly from the Governor or other State Officials. He reported the City received guidelines from the White House regarding opening the Country and the City was considering these guidelines. He stated the guidelines included specifics regarding social distancing, hygiene measures, crowd sizes and continuing to protect senior citizens. He explained there were three phases included in the guidelines with certain criteria which needed to be met prior to moving to the next phase. He noted the City was scheduled to have a conference call with the White House tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the three phases and gain additional guidance from the White House. He stated the Governor has been holding press conferences and providing guidance. He reported the Governor extended the Stay at Home executive order until at least May 6. He explained this Stay at Home order was for senior citizens and citizens with underlying health conditions. He stated the Governor would provide guidance regarding reopening the State in the next week. He indicated Mr. Jamie Ott was in daily communication with the Tulsa County Health Department regarding the data about the spread of the disease. He noted last week he received data regarding the number of cases in the City of Broken Arrow. He stated earlier this week there were approximately 95 COVID-19 cases in Broken Arrow. He reported the City formed a task force called BA Rising, which would be led by the Chamber of Commerce and EDC, to focus on assisting local businesses during the reopening process.

City Manager Spurgeon stated there were both executive orders and local proclamations in connection with the pandemic which were in effect but were set to expire. He noted much of what the City could and could not do was dependent upon whether the executive orders and proclamations were extended. He stated until the City received more specific guidance from the White House and the Governor, Broken Arrow needed to temper its decisions to ensure

consistency with White House and State guidelines. He indicated he understood everyone wished to get back to some type of normalcy, but it was important to balance this with the health concerns of the pandemic. He reminded the public the opening which would be first implemented would not be a full-scale opening. He explained as the City reopened a surge in COVID-19 cases could result and the City would need to monitor the situation and consider the implications as it made decisions moving forward through the various phases of opening. He reported the Governor has extended the Safer at Home order until May 6 for all senior citizens and those with underlying health issues. He stated he recommended the City end the Shelter in Place proclamation on May 1 and conform to the Governor's regulations on any Shelter in Place executive orders. He noted there may be a need for a special City Council Meeting next week to discuss the guidance from the Governor. He stated the City needed to work on implementing the phasing guidelines from the President. He noted no specific timeline was given for moving through the phases; however, there were instructions regarding goals which needed to be achieved before moving forward to the next phase. He reported the Governor was holding a press conference tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. regarding the plan for reopening. He noted after receiving further guidance from the Governor, the City would begin finalizing reopening plans. He noted the City would continue to work with the Tulsa County Health Department throughout the reopening process. He stated Broken Arrow needed to work with the other cities in the Tulsa Metropolitan area; Broken Arrow was holding weekly discussions with the Tulsa Metropolitan area Mayors and City Managers. He noted it was important to be consistent with the other municipalities; however, it was also important to remember Broken Arrow was different from other municipalities and had different needs to consider.

City Manager Spurgeon reported the BA Rising economic recovery task force was in the process of beginning surveys and focus groups to obtain feedback from each specific sector of the Broken Arrow economy regarding reopening; this feedback would be utilized when making decisions regarding reopening the economy. He noted there were subcommittees for each type of business in the Community (beauty salons, gyms, restaurants, etc.) and each type of business's thoughts regarding the reopening process would be considered as the City moved toward reopening the economy.

City Manager Spurgeon stated the City not only needed to reopen the economy, it needed to reopen its organization. He reported he created three internal task forces to focus on City Operations, and CARES Act stimulus funding opportunities for the City and its Citizens. He noted the City was communicating with the Community weekly through social media. He indicated the City would implement a comprehensive communication plan regarding plans for reopening.

City Manager Spurgeon stated he was excited the City was discussing reopening the economy in a phased plan. He encouraged responsible social distancing during this process. He indicated he looked forward to life becoming normalized once again.

Mayor Thurmond stated there 87 cases of COVID-19 in Broken Arrow, 65 individuals had recovered and sadly 8 individuals passed away. He stated this meant there were only 14 active cases of COVID-19 in Broken Arrow which was a positive. He stated he hoped Broken Arrow could begin to reopen on May 1st if possible. He asked for the City Council's opinion.

Vice Mayor Scott Eudey agreed it was time to begin moving forward with reopening the economy and believed May 1st was a good target date. He stated he liked the idea of the Mayor modifying the Proclamation on May 1st to mirror the Governor's directives. He agreed proper guidance from the City regarding reopening businesses was important. He noted it was important for the Citizens of Broken Arrow to be able to properly mourn the passing of family members and assemble for worship. He noted it was important to find the balance between the understanding of the seriousness of the pandemic with living one's life. He stated he was willing to meet for any needed Special City Council Meetings in this regard.

Council Member Johnnie Parks agreed. He stated he had been listening to the Governor and his recommendations. He noted it was important to implement increased testing for COVID-19, and it was important to pursue contact tracing to determine origins of infection. He stated he understood the Governor was working with the scientific community regarding the pandemic situation in Oklahoma; the Governor believed the reopening of the economy was a decision to be made by the City and the State; the Governor was dependent upon the Oklahoma Health Department in his decision making. He indicated the Tulsa County Health Department was one of the strictest health department in the Nation. He stated he agreed with City Manager Spurgeon's recommendations and encouraged City Staff to monitor the pandemic data to determine how the City should forward with reopening.

Council Member Debra Wimpee agreed. She commended the Mayor and Broken Arrow for deciding to implement social distancing and close businesses down before even one case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Broken Arrow. She indicated she believed this was the reason

Broken Arrow had so few cases of COVID-19 as compared with other municipalities; however, she feared keeping businesses closed would lead to increased cases of suicide, alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, etc., and this could be tragic. She stated she understood COVID-19 was a real concern; however, looking at the City's COVID-19 numbers, looking at the recovery rate, and considering how citizens and businesses were acting responsibly, she believed the citizens and businesses could be trusted to continue to act responsibly as businesses were reopened.

Council Member Christi Gillespie agreed with her fellow City Council Members. She stated she was in favor of allowing the current Proclamation to expire. She asked about the "vulnerable population." City Manager Spurgeon explained the vulnerable population included any individuals age 65 and older, as well as individuals with underlying health conditions. Council Member Gillespie stated she agreed individuals with underlying health conditions should be considered vulnerable population, but she did not feel an age limit was necessary. She stated 37% of the deaths from COVID-19 in Oklahoma were within nursing homes and she felt it should be a priority for the government to aid nursing homes needing assistance.

Council Member Gillespie stated the purpose of the Proclamation was to reduce the number of individuals who would die or fall ill to the COVID-19 virus, and the means to this end was shutting down businesses or enforcing social distancing, but making people miserable was not the intention. She discussed the harmful social media shaming of those who seemed to be disregarding social distancing. She stated it was important not to get so caught up in the rules you forget the purpose behind the rule. She discussed residents of Broken Arrow who were suffering due to unemployment and a lack of income, unemployment checks which were slow to come in, and "non-essential" businesses being essential to some. She stated she felt Broken Arrow had achieved the goal of slowing the progression of COVID-19 and ensuring hospitals were not overrun with cases. She commented Broken Arrow should be proud of its accomplishment in this regard. She indicated she did not agree all individuals over age 65 should be considered "vulnerable population" as not all individuals over age 65 suffered from underlying health concerns.

Vice Mayor Eudey agreed with Council Member Gillespie; however, he believed Broken Arrow should follow the recommendations of the Governor of Oklahoma. Council Member Gillespie stated writing the Governor regarding the age limit should be considered.

City Manager Spurgeon stated he understood Council Member Gillespie's point as there were many individuals over the age of 65 who were healthy; however, if the Governor extended the Safer at Home order for those age 65 and over, the City of Broken Arrow should comply. He asked Trevor Dennis to comment.

City Attorney Trevor Dennis discussed the Governor's 7th Amended Executive Order, specifically paragraph 17, which addressed the Safer at Home order for those over the age of 65 or those with underlying health conditions. He stated he believed the City should follow the Governor's orders at a minimum. He noted Broken Arrow could be more restrictive but should not be less restrictive. He noted the Amended Proclamation when issued by Mayor Thurmond did not refer to an age limit; it referred to a Safer at Home order for all citizens. He indicated the City would continue to monitor the Governor's actions and make decisions accordingly.

Vice Mayor Eudey agreed; Broken Arrow could be more restrictive than the State, but not less restrictive.

Mayor Thurmond stated the Proclamation he signed expired on April 30. He asked if the City Council supported allowing the Proclamation to expire.

City Attorney Dennis indicated the way Broken Arrow Ordinance was written emergency proclamations continued until repealed. He noted the original Proclamation did include an expiration date; however, he recommended, if the Council wished the Proclamation to expire on April 30, 2020, a formal document which repealed the Proclamation also be created. He noted even if the Proclamation was repealed, the Governor's orders would remain in effect and the City would be required to follow the Governor's orders.

Mayor Thurmond reminded the City Council once the Proclamation was repealed, and the City began to reopen, data showed there would most likely be a surge in the number of cases of COVID-19. He recommended "powering through" the surge and wait for the drop in numbers for fourteen consecutive days after the surge which would enable the City to move on to phase two of reopening. He asked if the City Council agreed. He stated it was important to keep in mind the City could see a surge in case numbers, but according to data this surge should be small. He noted guidance from the State and Nation encouraged cities not to be afraid of the small surge, but to move forward with reopening.

Vice Mayor Eudey stated this was consistent with the President’s plan; the President encouraged cities to move forward and hold until the fourteen days of diminishing numbers was realized, following which the city could move forward with the next phase of reopening. He agreed with this plan.

Mayor Thurmond asked if the rest of the City Council agreed with allowing the Proclamation to expire on April 30th; the City Council agreed.

Council Member Wimpee asked City Manager Spurgeon to share more information regarding the task forces formed by the City such as BA Rising. She noted these task forces were in place to help businesses with reopening; Broken Arrow would not leave local businesses struggling to reopen without any assistance. She indicated the task forces would also encourage and assist local businesses not just to reopen, but to safely reopen. She commented any individual who was not comfortable leaving their home, any individual who was worried about the spike in COVID-19 cases, was more than welcome to stay home. She stated Broken Arrow was not forcing any residents to leave home and visit local businesses.

Mayor Thurmond reported the City and the Chamber of Commerce had been tirelessly preparing to reopen the City economy. He stated he was proud of the work which had been done in this regard.

City Manager Spurgeon reported Jennifer Conway was watching the City Council Meeting as she wished to understand the City Council’s thoughts regarding reopening the economy. He indicated tomorrow a video would be created updating the residents of Broken Arrow regarding the pandemic, BA Rising, and other task forces and subcommittees. He noted in addition to the communications released on the social media platforms, the City would create a small task force to answer questions from local businesses regarding reopening guidelines, which businesses were permitted to reopen, etc. He noted a BA Rising web page was being created and businesses could sign up to receive text message alerts and/or robocall alerts. He indicated communication with local businesses would be extensive and thorough. He agreed with Council Member Wimpee; if any resident was uncomfortable leaving home, said individual should stay home and continue with the Safer at Home mindset. He encouraged any individual with health concerns to continue to stay at home.

Council Member Parks stated he appreciated Council Member Gillespie’s comments regarding the age limit of 65. He indicated he knew many key State employees who were over age 65, including State Legislators. He stated requiring these individuals to stay home and not work would be a sad situation indeed. He noted not all individuals who were age 65 and older were vulnerable and should be required to stay home. He stated most 65-year-olds understood their limitations and were able to make decisions regarding whether it was safe to go out into the community.

MOTION: A motion was made by Scott Eudey, seconded by Christi Gillespie.
Move to advise the Mayor to allow the current Emergency Proclamation to expire and that the Governing Body and the City Administration should follow the Governor’s and White House’s guidance in further opening the Broken Arrow economy
The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

B. 20-435 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval to allow city staff to notify the Wagoner County Treasurer’s Office to de-certify the assessment letters previously sent by the City of Broken Arrow for the 2019 tax year pertaining to the Glen Eagles/Steeplechase Farms Assessment Districts
Assistant City Manager Russell Gale asked the City Council to table this Item until the May 5, 2020 Meeting. He explained he received additional information since the Request for Action was published on Friday which would most likely impact Staff’s recommendation to the City Council. He noted no homes would be negatively affected by tabling this Item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Scott Eudey, seconded by Debra Wimpee.
Move to table this matter until the May 5, 2020 Meeting
The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

C. 20-414 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the appointment of Gregory Graham to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022
Mayor Thurmond stated the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors was not a City Board. He explained the Chamber of Commerce Board, School Board, and City Council voted on each individual who was nominated to serve on the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. He noted a BAEDC Nominating Committee selected the nominee for consideration by the Chamber Board, School Board and City Council.

Economic Development Coordinator Norm Stephens reported in accordance with the Bylaws of the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC), Article 2-2 states: “There is hereby established a Board of Directors for the Corporation that shall consist of thirteen (13) directors, three of whom shall be representatives of, selected by, and from the following entities: The Broken Arrow City Council, the Broken Arrow Board of Education, and the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee.” He indicated the ten appointed members would be appointed in the following manner: 1) A Nominating Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board of the BAEDC selected nominees to be presented to the EDC Board for approval; 2) The approved names would be submitted to the Broken Arrow City Council, the Broken Arrow Public Schools Board of Education and the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce for ratification; and 3) Each appointed director may cast one vote. He reported on February 25, 2020, the Nominating Committee met and discussed the EDC Board Slate and decided to add four new positions to the Board; the Nominating Committee reviewed the potential candidates and unanimously approved Greg Graham to serve on the Board. He indicated Gregory Graham was the First National Bank of Broken Arrow’s Chairman of the Board and CEO and was a Broken Arrow native; Mr. Graham additionally served as the Chairman of First National Bank Coweta. He noted if Mr. Gregory Graham’s nomination was approved, he would begin serving May 1, 2020; the term would technically be back dated to January 1, 2020 in accordance to the revised bylaws approved by the BAEDC Board on December 19, 2019.

Vice Mayor Eudey stated he was initially surprised to see the Amendments to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation bylaws and was confused as to why the Amendments were needed and why the Board was creating new positions; however, he met with Jim Beavers, the Chairman of the EDC Board, as well as Jennifer Conway who answered his questions and concerns related to these changes, as well as his questions regarding the nominees and the expansion of the Board. He stated Mr. Beavers and Ms. Conway also took into consideration recommendations he made regarding participation by the City Council, School Board, and Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He indicated he was satisfied. He stated the EDC Staff was excellent, and this was an opportunity to place exceptionally qualified individuals on the EDC Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Scott Eudey, seconded by Johnnie Parks.

Move to approve the appointment of Gregory Graham to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

D. 20-415 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the re-appointment of Rob Whitlock to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022

Mr. Norm Stephens reported on February 25, 2020 the Nominating Committee met and discussed the proposed EDC Board slate; Rob Whitlock was asked and agreed to be considered for reappointment for the January 2020 through December 31, 2022 term. He stated Rob Whitlock was a resident of Broken Arrow and a well-recognized business person and community leader; Mr. Whitlock served the Board well and was willing to continue his service for the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. He stated if Mr. Rob Whitlock’s nomination was approved, he would begin serving May 1, 2020; the term would technically be back dated to January 1, 2020 in accordance to the revised bylaws approved by the BAEDC Board on December 19, 2019.

Council Member Wimpee stated she was concerned about the reappointment of this position. She noted Mr. Whitlock served as Chair twice and served as Past Chair this last term. She indicated common practice was to serve as Chair, then Past Chair, and then leave the Board to allow new board members to serve. She indicated there was great institutional knowledge on the Board without Mr. Whitlock. She noted she had asked several times why this position was needed, not necessarily Mr. Whitlock specifically, but why this position was necessary, and she had not received a clear answer; therefore, she questioned the motive of this appointment.

Vice Mayor Eudey indicated he asked the same question regarding Mr. Whitlock and Mr. Scott Wise (next nominee) who had both served lengthily on the Board. He stated Ms. Jennifer Conway explained these positions were needed to provide a certain level of institutional knowledge and specifically as Mr. Whitlock and Mr. Wise both had a long history with the EDC Board, Ms. Conway was pleased Mr. Whitlock and Mr. Wise were willing to serve another term. He noted his philosophy was, if an individual was willing to serve, had served well in the past, and there was no reason for said individual not to serve, he would not vote against a candidate.

Council Member Wimpee stated she had been opposed to both being reelected until she

realized Mr. Scott Wise had not served as Chair yet and was up for Chair this year. She stated she understood the BAEDC was better off thanks to the checks and balances put into place by Mr. Wise following the debacle two years ago. She stated she believed Mr. Wise should be given the opportunity to serve as Chair; however, Mr. Whitlock had already served as Chair and Past Chair and should be “rolled off” the Board.

Council Member Parks stated the Chamber had a difficult road ahead with bringing the Community of Broken Arrow back to the state it was in prior to this pandemic. He stated Mr. Whitlock came from an excellent Broken Arrow family, his brother was City Manager in Coweta, his father served as Broken Arrow City Manager for 17 years. He indicated he believed Mr. Whitlock had served the EDC very well and his experience was needed for the next two years while Broken Arrow was recovering from the pandemic.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Scott Eudey.

Move to approve the re-appointment of Rob Whitlock to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond
Nay: 2 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee

E. 20-416 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the re-appointment of Scott Wise to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022

Mr. Stephens reported the Nominating Committee met and discussed the proposed EDC Board slate; Scott Wise was asked and agreed to be considered for reappointment for the January 2020 - December 31, 2022 term. He stated Scott Wise, Chief Executive Officer of Armada Consulting, was a management consultant with over 20 years’ experience developing and implementing a wide range of innovative business analytics solutions; Mr. Wise had served the Board well and was willing to continue his service for the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. He indicated if Mr. Scott Wise’s nomination was approved, he would begin serving May 1, 2020; the term would technically be back dated to January 1, 2020 in accordance to the revised bylaws approved by the BAEDC Board on December 19, 2019.

Council Member Gillespie asked if Mr. Wise was currently serving on another Board. Mr. Stephens responded in the negative; Mr. Wise was not serving on a City Board at this time and he was unsure if Mr. Wise had ever served on a City Board.

Mayor Thurmond stated Mr. Wise had been involved with the Chamber of Commerce, but not with any City Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Scott Eudey, seconded by Debra Wimpee.

Move to approve the re-appointment of Scott Wise to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

F. 20-417 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the appointment of Chris Jungers to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2021

Mr. Norm Stephens reported Chris Jungers was the General Manager and Managing Director at Alfa Laval; he has many years of experience as an experienced Managing Director within the Oil & Energy industry segment. He stated Mr. Jungers had been with Alfa Laval in Broken Arrow since 2014; and before that he was the General Manager at Alfa Laval Niagara in Buffalo, New York. He indicated if Mr. Chris Jungers’ nomination was approved, he would begin serving May 1, 2020; the term would technically be back dated to January 1, 2020 in accordance to the revised bylaws approved by the BAEDC Board on December 19, 2019.

Council Member Wimpee stated she was excited to see fresh industry leaders coming to serve on the EDC Board.

Council Member Parks asked why the terms of service were being back dated to January 1, 2020. He asked if these positions should have been appointed earlier. Mr. Stephens responded in the negative; these appointments were being back dated due to reestablishment of EDC criteria and bylaws. He noted the decision was made to set appointments according to the calendar year, rather than beginning appointments mid-year.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Debra Wimpee.

Move to approve the appointment of Chris Jungers to the Broken Arrow Economic

Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2021

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

G. 20-418 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the appointment of Jennifer York-Jezek to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020

Mr. Stephens reported the Nominating Committee reviewed the potential candidates and unanimously approved Jennifer York-Jezek to serve on the Board. He reported Ms. Jennifer York-Jezek was President and CEO of York Electronic Systems, Inc., a professional services and construction firm which specialized in design, management and maintenance of fire, life safety, security, communications and audio-visual systems for healthcare, education, government corporate and hospitality industries. He stated if Ms. York-Jezek's nomination was approved, she would begin serving May 1, 2020; the term would technically be back dated to January 1, 2020 in accordance to the revised bylaws approved by the BAEDC Board on December 19, 2019.

Council Member Wimpee stated she was pleased to see a female nomination.

Council Member Gillespie reported she knew Ms. York-Jezek personally and Ms. York-Jezek was an intelligent woman.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, seconded by Debra Wimpee.

Move to approve the appointment of Jennifer York-Jezek to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2020

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

H. 20-419 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of the appointment of Marlon Goodwin to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022

Mr. Stephens reported the Nominating Committee reviewed the potential candidates and unanimously approved Marlon Goodwin to serve on the Board. He stated Marlon Goodwin was the Treasurer and Associate Director of Special Projects with Zeeco; Mr. Goodwin had worked for Zeeco since 2014. He stated Mr. Goodwin was a seasoned corporate finance and banking executive with a demonstrated history of negotiating and structuring acquisitions, strategic alliances, joint ventures and complex credit facilities in the energy sector with projects in North America, Asia and Europe. He noted if Mr. Marlon Goodwin's nomination was approved, he would begin serving May 1, 2020; the term would technically be back dated to January 1, 2020 in accordance to the revised bylaws approved by the BAEDC Board on December 19, 2019.

Council Member Wimpee asked why Ms. Jennifer York-Jezek's term was only a one-year term. Mr. Stephens responded he was unsure; however, he believed the EDC was attempting to ensure terms did not all end in the same year.

MOTION: A motion was made by Debra Wimpee, seconded by Christi Gillespie.

Move to approve the appointment of Marlon Goodwin to the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation (BAEDC) Board of Directors for a term beginning May 1, 2020 and expiring December 31, 2022

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

I. 20-429 Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of and authorization to execute Resolution No. 1316, a resolution naming a room at the planned Broken Arrow Senior Citizen Activity Center in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cosper

Mr. Charlie Bright with the Engineering and Construction Department reported on March 17, 2020, the Broken Arrow City Council authorized the execution of a Purchase and Sales Agreement ("Agreement") in order to purchase property and construct a Senior Citizen's Activity Center upon it. He stated the Agreement required, prior to closing of the transaction, the Broken Arrow City Council to approve the naming of a room in the future senior citizen annex or activity center built on the property in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cosper, long-time residents of Broken Arrow.

Council Member Parks stated the Senior Center held a Board Meeting today. He indicated he served on the Senior Center Board representing the City. He stated he mentioned the agreement to name a room after Mr. and Mrs. Cosper and the Board had no objections.

MOTION: A motion was made by Scott Eudey, seconded by Christi Gillespie.

Move to approve and authorize execution of Resolution No. 1316, a resolution naming a

room at the planned Broken Arrow Senior Citizen Activity Center in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Cospier

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: **5 -** Christa Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

10. Preview Ordinances

There were no Preview Ordinances.

11. Ordinances

There were no Ordinances.

12. Remarks and Inquiries by Governing Body Members

Mayor Thurmond thanked all for the work being done during this pandemic and the City Council for its support. He stated he saw on Channel 8, Representative Ross Ford discussing workers compensation pay for first responders who catch COVID-19 during this emergency. He indicated he spoke with Representative Ross Ford and was in support of this workers compensation plan. He stated the next City Council Meeting should include a Resolution regarding workers compensation for first responders during this pandemic.

City Manager Spurgeon noted several City Council Members had reached out to him with concerns regarding the potential exposure of City Employees. He stated he believed it was the City's responsibility to provide coverage for any City Employee who was exposed. He stated he felt the best plan of action was to support any Bill Representative Ross Ford and Representative Stan May supported. He asked the City Council to support the concept with a Resolution and contact the State Legislators to ensure the Legislators understood they had the support of Broken Arrow in this regard.

Vice Mayor Eudey agreed to support any legislation which would support City of Broken Arrow employees exposed to COVID-19 as a result of having to work. He thanked the Citizens of Broken Arrow for maintaining a high level of patience during this emergency. He thanked his fellow Council Members.

Council Member Parks stated Shawn Simpson (ph) was able to obtain \$32,000 dollars in stimulus money for the Senior Center for employee salaries. He stated the City did much to support the Senior Center; it contributed \$70,000 dollars to \$80,000 dollars annually for salaries and utility bills. He thanked Mr. Simpson for his efforts.

Council Member Gillespie stated she spoke with Representative Stan May regarding the first responder workers compensation issue. She indicated she was in support of this endeavor. She stated last week was her one-year anniversary as a City Councilor. She noted it had been quite a year; there was a flood her first month as a City Council Member, and now the pandemic. She stated she has thoroughly enjoyed serving on the City Council. She indicated she was furloughed as a result of this emergency and was dealing with unemployment; however, in speaking with various dentists in the community, all felt there would be a surge in dental needs once the pandemic was ended. She stated she was optimistic.

Council Member Wimpee noted she had an eventful year her first year as a City Council Member as well. She stated she was confident Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and the United States, would come out of this pandemic stronger than ever.

Mayor Thurmond congratulated Council Member Gillespie for her completing her first year as a City Council Member. He congratulated Council Member Wimpee for completing her third year as a City Council Member.

13. Remarks and Updates by City Manager, including Recognition of Recent Accomplishments by Employees and Elected Officials

City Manager Spurgeon thanked the City Council for its support of the City Administration.

City Manager Spurgeon stated the City had been in the final stages of due diligence which was done prior to the City purchasing any property. He noted prior to purchasing property the City did an environmental phase 1 study which was a "deep dive" by the consultant investigating the history of property to determine if a "deeper dive" was necessary before approving a purchase. He stated the consultant discovered a history going back to 1995 in which there may have been a junk yard located on a portion of the property being considered for the Senior Center; as a result the consultant recommended an environmental phase 2 study (including sample collection) to determine if there was any contamination. He noted City Staff was attempting to secure the permission of the property owner to enter the property and conduct the study; therefore, the City would not be able to close on the property until the results of the study returned. He indicated he would keep the City Council updated.

City Manager Spurgeon reported unfortunately ArtsOK would not hold its Tuesday in the Park series in the month of June due to the pandemic; however, this meant City Council could

hold meetings in June on Tuesdays rather on the previously scheduled Monday dates. He noted he was working on the Budget and had a few Budget Meetings scheduled Thursday and Friday to review the Budget forecast and begin finalization.

He announced Jennifer Swezey was promoted to the position of Communications and Media Relations Manager for the City. He commended Ms. Swezey. He announced McKenzie Jones was the new Recycling Coordinator. He discussed Ms. Jones’ duties as the Recycling Coordinator.

Mayor Thurmond stated he hoped the next City Council Meeting would be held in person rather than as a conference call.

14. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Debra Wimpee, seconded by Scott Eudey.

Move to adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Christi Gillespie, Debra Wimpee, Johnnie Parks, Scott Eudey, Craig Thurmond

Mayor

City Clerk