



City of Broken Arrow
Minutes
Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority

City Hall
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Broken Arrow OK
74012

Chairperson Craig Thurmond
Vice Chair Scott Eudey
Trustee Johnnie Parks
Trustee Debra Wimpee
Trustee Christi Gillespie

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Craig Thurmond called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 20-54 Approval of the Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2020**
- B. 20-395 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register dated April 15, 2020**

Chairperson 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

4. Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda; no action was required or taken.

5. General Authority Business

There was no General Authority Business.

6. Remarks and Updates by City Manager and Staff

City Manager Spurgeon thanked the City Council Members.

City Manager Spurgeon stated as a part of the BA Rising Economic Recovery Task Force, the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and EDC were working to develop a local program to provide financial assistance to non-essential small businesses in Broken Arrow which were negatively affected by the pandemic. He stated if this recovery initiative moved forward, applications would be completed and submitted to the EDC/Chamber of Commerce by interested businesses. He explained the EDC and Chamber of Commerce hoped to raise private funding to assist small businesses, who applied and qualified, with reopening. He stated qualifying costs included rent, utilities, operational costs, startup costs, etc. He indicated the goal of the EDC and Chamber was to raise between \$50,000 dollars and \$100,000 dollars. He stated the next BAEDA Meeting Agenda would include an Item for discussion regarding contributing Economic Development Funds to this cause. He stated he felt this was a worthy cause and Economic Development Funds would be well spent assisting

small businesses who were negatively affected by the pandemic. He stated he spoke with Trevor Dennis and Norm Stephens; City Attorney Dennis was reviewing the program. He indicated if BAEDA were willing to support this program it could be done through a Contract Amendment with the EDC with specific guidelines on the use of these funds in connection with the pandemic and helping small businesses.

The BAEDA Trustees agreed this was an excellent idea.

7. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Christi Gillespie, 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

Chairperson

Secretary