



City of Broken Arrow
Special 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 6, 2021

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Craig Thurmond called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

- A. 21-21 Approval of the Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2021**
- B. 21-407 Approval of the Amended Special Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2021 to reflect the meeting was held at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center and Broken Arrow Council Chambers**
- C. 21-419 Approval of and authorization to execute an economic development agreement between B-Z Properties, LLC and Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority and Broken Arrow Municipal Authority**
- D. 21-462 Ratification of the Claims List Check Register dated March 30, 2021**
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 Johnnie Parks.

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. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. General Authority Business

There was no General Authority Business.

7. Remarks and Updates by City Manager and Staff

City Manager Michael Spurgeon reported he sent an email to the City Council recently regarding the new, exciting industry of eSports. He explained within his authority as City Manager he could spend up to \$25,000 dollars on legitimate expenses. He noted eSports was discussed at the meeting on March 12, 2021 as a possible "Next Big Thing." He reported the EDC secured services from a consulting firm called Convention Sports and Leisure to complete a marketing analysis and consulting services to determine how Broken Arrow could

bring eSports to the community. He explained an eSports facility was being considered in an effort to attract tourist dollars to Broken Arrow in partnership with the Public Schools. He stated the cost of the consulting contract was \$55,000 dollars and he would be bringing something to the next Council Meeting requesting permission to go beyond his allotted \$25,000 dollars if needed. He stated the survey would take two to three months. He noted this would be a partnership effort between the EDC, the City and Broken Arrow Public Schools.

8. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 p.m.

MOTION: A motion was made by Johnnie Parks, seconded by Christi Gillespie.

Move to adjourn

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Chairperson

Secretary