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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF August 23, 2017 AT 4:00 PM, Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, Oklahoma

CALL TO ORDER

Janet Reed called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Charles Calhoun and seconded by Destry Hawthorne to elect Jim Thorpe as Chairman of the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority. Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Calhoun, Davison, Hawthorne, Mendez, Reed, Thorpe

Absent: Patel

Motion was made by Janet Reed and seconded by Bert Davison to nominate Darrell Mendez as Vice Chairman of the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority. Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Calhoun, Davison, Hawthorne, Mendez, Reed, Thorpe

Absent: Patel

ROLL CALL

Trustee Charles Calhoun
Trustee Bert Davison
Trustee Destry Hawthorne
Trustee Mina Patel

Trustee Janet Reed
Vice Chairman Darrell Mendez
Chairman Jim Thorpe

Chairman Thorpe declared a quorum.

- 1. Consideration Items Removed from Consent**
- 2. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

There were no citizen comments.

3. Administration

- a. Discuss Creation of By-Laws of the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority

Approved

Trustee Reed asked whether the Authority Board or the city attorney would be responsible for creating the bylaws. City Attorney Tom Marcum stated he would prepare a draft of by-laws which would be similar to the other authorities and submit for review by the Authority Board.

Motion was made by Charles Calhoun and seconded by Destry Hawthorne to direct City Attorney Tom Marcum to draft By-Laws for the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority and submit same to the Authority Board for review. Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Calhoun, Davison, Hawthorne, Mendez, Reed, Thorpe

Absent: Patel

- b. Review and Discuss Trust Indenture for the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority

The Trust Indenture for the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority was reviewed and discussed.

- c. Discuss Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority Budget

Approved

Michelle Hall, Assistant Treasurer, Addressed the Authority Board and provided each member with a financial statement as of July 31, 2017. There are no figures to report since collection did not begin until July 1, 2017. Trustee Calhoun asked if the schedule for receiving tax payments would be the same as the sales tax schedule. City Manager Tim Rundel stated he would provide a calendar at the next meeting. Trustee Reed suggested putting together a plan with data and projections and create line items for planned expenses. Trustee Reed stated she has copies of budgets from other cities and can provide those to the Authority Board as an example. Trustee Reed stated that eventually a tourism director would be hired and asked how the funds could be allocated for this. Ms. Hall stated a line item could be created for this. Trustee Reed stated she would like the funding details of this position to be considered when the proposed sub-committee meets.

Motion was made by Charles Calhoun and seconded by Darrell Mendez to form a sub-committee of Trustee Calhoun, Trustee Reed and Trustee Hawthorne to develop a skeleton for various expenditures that may come up. Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Calhoun, Davison, Hawthorne, Mendez, Reed, Thorpe

Absent: Patel

d. Discuss Creation of Process for Disbursement of Funds

Michelle Hall, Assistant City Treasurer, stated the Authority Board would be required to follow the city procurement policy and purchasing procedures.

e. Create Meeting Schedule Including Dates, Times and Location and Take Possible Action

Approved

Motion was made by Destry Hawthorne and seconded by Bert Davison to approve schedule of meetings to be monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year. Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Calhoun, Davison, Hawthorne, Mendez, Reed, Thorpe

Absent: Patel

4. New Business

Chairman Thorpe asked the trustee members to introduce themselves.

Trustee Davison asked what the process would be for a person or entity to apply for funding through the Durant Tourism Economic development Authority. Trustee Calhoun stated criteria would need to be established. Trustee Mendez suggested the creation of a template which would require the applicant to define their intended use of the funds requested and justification for their request. City Attorney Tom Marcum addressed the Authority Board and strongly advised caution when creating criteria. Mr. Marcum stressed there should be a general approach on tourism and economic development and not focus on a particular class of business.

Mr. Marcum stated a Board Secretary and Board Treasurer should be elected at the next regular scheduled meeting. Mr. Marcum also stated all members of the Authority Board should be sworn in at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Vice Chairman Hawthorne stated neither Article 11 nor Article 12 addressed the By-Laws within the text of those articles. Mr. Marcum stated those Articles could be revised and presented at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Motion was made by Charles Calhoun and seconded by Janet Reed to adjourn meeting.
Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Calhoun, Davison, Hawthorne, Mendez, Reed, Thorpe

Absent: Patel