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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DURANT TOURISM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF October 1st, 2020, 2020 AT 9:00 AM, Roscoe J. Hatfield Council Chambers, 300 West Evergreen, Durant, Oklahoma

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim Thorpe called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

INVOCATION/FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Reed provided the invocation. Chairman Thorpe led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Trustee Debbie Anthony
Trustee Tammy Cross (appeared via Zoom)
Trustee Janet Reed
Vice Chairman Danny Sherrer
Chairman Jim Thorpe

Absent:

Trustee Brandon Johnson

Partially Present:

Trustee Charles Calhoun arrived at 9:10 a.m.

Chairman Thorpe declared a quorum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss and Consider Voting to Take Action or to Take No Action, Regarding Letter from the City Manager of Durant to Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority (DTEDA) Dated September 16, 2020, Concerning City of Durant's Relationship to the DTEDA, Specifically the Stated Intention of the City of Durant to Cease Furnishing City Personal for Administrative Services to DTEDA.**

Mark Morrison gives his legal opinion regarding the letter from the City Manager of Durant. Mr. Morrison began by summarizing what the by-laws stated pertaining to the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority. Mr. Morrison

looked at Title 11 law of the Oklahoma Statute and stated that Mr. Dean was acting within his rights as the City Manager of Durant based on what was stated in his letter. Mr. Morrison recommended the Authority to plan on how to develop the process of selecting a secretary and treasurer for the Authority going forward and would have to authorize those individuals by resolution. He further stated that the by-laws would have to be amended in order to develop the selection process. Trustee Cross raised the question of whether the City would consider continuing providing personnel and services to the Authority if they were compensated. However, there was discussion on whether it is legal to compensate the City for their personnel and services. The City Manager discussed that the City performs functions for the Authority at no cost, while other entities compensate the City for their functions. Furthermore, the City Manager stated that he would entertain the idea of being compensated by the Authority if it were legal.

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Calhoun to give authority to the Authority's attorney to negotiate with the City Manager and City Attorney regarding compensating the City for their functions.

APPROVED

Ayes: Calhoun, Anthony, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

Trustee Johnson was absent from vote

2. Discuss and Consider taking action regarding fee schedule for open records request.

City Attorney stated that the Authority has the right to establish a fee schedule similar to that of the City of Durant or what is acceptable. If a fee schedule were created, then the Authority would have to create a mechanism to collect those funds.

Motion was made to take no action regarding the creation of a fee schedule for open records request.

Ayes: Calhoun, Anthony, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

Trustee Johnson was absent from vote

Adjournment

Motion was made by Trustee Reed and seconded by Trustee Cross to adjourn meeting.

Motion Passed with the following vote:

Ayes: Calhoun, Anthony, Cross, Reed, Sherrer, Thorpe

Abstain: None

Trustee Johnson was absent from vote

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the original minutes in draft form. The minutes contained herein have not been approved by the Durant Tourism Economic Development Authority and are scheduled to appear on the October 14, 2020 regular agenda for consideration.

**BLAKE M. HOFFMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
CITY OF DURANT, OKLAHOMA**
