



August 3, 2016 Minutes

Joint Economic Development Council Meeting

Wednesday, August 3 2016

12:00 p.m.

The Chamber Conference room

The Chamber Office

Members in Attendance: **Melinda Henderson, Larry McElwain, Cal Karlin, Jason Edmonds, Lisa Larsen, Rebecca Gaston, Mike Gaughan (via phone)**

Ex Officio: **Bonnie Lowe, Tom Markus**

Also in Attendance: **Britt Crum-Cano, Lindsey Slater, Chad Lawhorn, Diane Stoddard**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m. by Larry McElwain.

Review and consideration of approval of July 11, 2016 minutes

Cal Karlin moved and Jason Edmonds seconded to approve the July 11, 2016, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Incentives Review Process by JEDC – Larry McElwain

- We're here to take action on the position statement on the incentive changes.
- Larry asked for input from members to be submitted.
- One submission from the group says he does not agree with the fee section or the but/for section in the written policy.
- Melinda said we have resolutions for four different kinds of incentives that require a but/for test. It seems that we're asking for the resolutions to be revised because we don't really have policies.
- Melinda would also like the paragraph removed because we're using the but/for test on four other incentives and also add the but/for be added to requirements for a regular tax abatement. Rebecca agrees that the sentence should be removed.
- Britt recommends adding what the group believes should be done with but/for clause and where the group stands.
- Jason says it's hard to argue that the but/for sentence is incorrect.
- Rebecca agrees with the affordable housing clause and the fees. She also shares the but/for opinion with Melinda.
- Cal said this is an overall recommendation, a view from 10,000 feet.

- The but/for paragraph has been rewritten to recommend the commission have discretion to apply the but/for test on case-by-case basis.
- Only the first sentence of the paragraph about fees will remain, and the rest will be deleted.

Cal Karlin moves to recommend the position statement, Jason Edmonds seconds, with the amendments recommended. Cal, Jason, Melinda, Mike (via phone), and Larry vote in favor, Rebecca votes against. Lisa abstains. The vote is 5-1-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.