

Minutes
EPD Committee
February 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Taft Matney and Committee member Diane Kuzniar. Mayor Merritt is also sitting in as a committee member because there is a vacant seat on the committee. Community Development Director Van Broad and City Administrator Brandon Madden were also present.

1. Call to Order- Chairman Matney

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. EPD Committee Meeting: January 9, 2020

Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to accept the minutes with Chairman Matney seconding. The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Department Reports

Community Development Director Van Broad

Budget Review- Van reported regarding line item 452-700. There is \$102,000 spent. That is where the utility credit money for Brookfield came from. Another department's salary also came out of the wrong salary line, and that will be corrected.

Van said auditions have been held for Annie. 150 children auditioned and 40 spots were cast.

A Pizza Blues and Jazz festival will be held on April 24th. There will be some musicians, artisans, and our pizza restaurants represented.

Beachin' Fridays is booked for ten nights.

5. Unfinished Business- None

6. New Business

- a. Motion to enter into Executive Session for the consideration of Economic Development matters regarding City Center as allowed by State Statute Section 30-4-70 (a)(5)

Councilwoman Kuzniar made a motion to go into executive session. Mayor Merritt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

Chairman Matney reconvened the meeting. Mayor Merritt reported no decisions or action were taken.

- b. Possible action on items discussed in executive session- None

7. Public Comment

Tommy Shaluely: I have some concerns about City Center. I can't put it in my head how this won't cost any money when we are going to do the infrastructure work and we are going to buy the common area and develop it at our expense. We will have to pay interest on up-front money. Mr. Mayor, I saw you said you would pay for this by using some measly tax break from the state. It is not going to happen. The bond attorney who was here a couple of months ago told us it wouldn't be covered with the tax break. Where are we going with this? Is it going to be another Sports Center?

I would like to ask this, obviously it is a done deal, but I would like to ask one thing. I am asking, to do a 5-10 year projection and include the expenses for the infrastructure, common area, loan we have to get, and interest to pay. Look at the CFA or whatever it is. Make it public. Please do a better job than you did with the Sports Center. It is a joke over here is what that is. I have hollered about it for a long time. It is a joke. You said it wouldn't cost us any money, everyone wants it, I want it too, but live up to what you said. I want you to do it right. The investors will take it as long as you will give it to them. You can take that to the bank.

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjourn- Chairman Matney adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk