

The Cleveland Economic Development Corporation met in person and virtually using Zoom due to COVID-19 social precautions on October 26, 2020, for their monthly meeting with Boardmember Marilyn Clay presiding since Board President Terrell was attending the meeting via Zoom.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Board President Fred Terrell, EDC Vice President Marilyn Clay, Boardmember Michele Wyatt Boardmember Kelly Jenkel Axton, Boardmember Patrick Caserez, Boardmember Andrew Bounds and City Secretary Angela Smith

**ABSENT:** Boardmember Carolyn McWaters

**EMPLOYEES:** Bobby Pennington, Jennifer Jeude, Robert Reynolds

**ATTENDEES:** Jim Carson, Scott Lambert

EDC Vice President Marilyn Clay called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and stated there is a quorum.

### **PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS**

1. **Invocation, Pledge and Roll Call**

EDC Director Robert Reynolds gave the invocation. All attendees pledged to the American flag Texas flag.

2. **Public Comments**

Jim Carson – gave a Chamber update.

No additional comments were provided or received during the live event or via email to the City Secretary as stated on the agenda.

### **REPORTS**

3. **Reports and comments from Directors and staff**

None.

4. **Update presentation on Blue Group project by Scott Lambert**

The survey was completed on the Industrial Park. Blue Group has also travelled to Georgia to review a site there as well. Scott Lambert spoke and stated that he had a meeting city staff and county officials and went over the tax benefits to present to Blue Group. They need more space than the 48 acres since there is a major power line and pipeline also there. Union Tank Car needs to be contacted to see if we can extend the rail spur to the Whitson property to help out. Discussion about possible spur options occurred. The survey on the south side 117 acres shows only 40-45 acres that are buildable.

5. **Summary of monthly business prospect report and EDC project updates by EDC Director Robert Reynolds**

Director Reynolds went over the monthly reports and provided an update. Industrial Park Survey – Washburn Survey is present at this meeting to answer any questions the board may have. We need to review the survey to determine needs. A request for a workshop was brought up to discuss the survey but no action was taken. Washburn reminded the board that the airport hangers are not on

the south property so they will not be on this survey map. Interim City Manager Pennington discussed upcoming grant options the City is participating in.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

6. **Approve minutes from the September 28, 2020 business meeting**

7. **Approve monthly financial statements**

8. **Approve monthly bill payments**

Boardmember Wyatt made a motion to approve consent agenda items 6-7-8 with a second from Boardmember Bounds. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

9. **Discuss and take action on meeting dates for November and December due to possible holiday conflicts.**

Boardmember Wyatt made a motion to combine the November and December meetings into one meeting and to hold that meeting on December 14, 2020 with a second by Boardmember Caserez. All members present voted "AYE". Motion carried.

### **CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

10. **Closed Executive Session**

- a. Texas Government Code Sec. 551.072, Deliberations about the sell, purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
- b. Texas Local Government Code 551.087, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations – to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations.

Not used

### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

11. **Take action as needed on additional items from Executive Session**

Not used

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to transpire Boardmember Wyatt made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned with a second from Boardmember Caserez. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

/ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Board President, Fred Terrell

ATTEST:

/ signed \_\_\_\_\_

Angela Smith, City Secretary TRMC