

JEDO

June 15, 2006 5:30 pm

The JEDO Board met in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room with the following voting members present: Shawnee County Commissioner Ted Ensley-Chair; Shawnee County Commissioner Vic Miller; Shawnee County Commissioner Marice Kane; Topeka City Councilman Clark Duffy; Topeka City Councilman Brett Blackburn; Topeka City Councilman Jeff Preisner and City of Topeka Mayor Bill Bunten.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Moellenberndt-Chamber of Commerce, Brenden Long-City Attorney, Sylvia Ortiz-City Councilmember, Nora Patton-Taylor-Chamber of Commerce, Donna Hill-City of Topeka, Monique Johnson-City of Topeka-Housing and Development, Brian Turner-GO Topeka, Linda Turner-citizen, Jim Parrish-President Parrish Hotel Corporation (Chair Elect Chamber of Commerce), Jo Beilman-GO Topeka, Jenny Kuner-GO Topeka, John Myers-City of Topeka, Norman W. Guarles-President P & A Enterprises, Inc., Edward Kirtdoll-GOD Lives, Inc., Carl Koupal-GO Topeka Chair, David Kerr, Topeka Chamber Chair, Danny Goodman-Good--Clean Janitorial, Norton Bonaparte-City Manager, Mark Wittenburg-GO Topeka, Mary Holmes-Account Collect Financial, LLC, and Debbi Childers-Shawnee County Clerk's office.

ITEM NO. 1: The JEDO Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2006 were approved.

A motion was made by Mayor Bill Bunten to approve the Minutes of the JEDO meeting held May 9, 2006. Commissioner Marice Kane seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Following the vote, Deputy Mayor Jeff Preisner referred to the motion made by Commissioner Kane on May 9, 2006 relating to offering an incentive to VENTRIA BIOSCIENCE. He asked if GO Topeka had followed through on the caveat Commission Kane placed in her motion that a due diligence report be completed. Mr. Carl Koupal, Ms. Kathy Moellenberndt and Mr. David Kerr responded to Mr. Preisner's question. Mr. Koupal reported there was a meeting by the GO Topeka Board and a presentation was made concerning the due diligence report. Ms. Moellenberndt explained the incentive was given contingent upon the due diligence being conducted and there being commitments by KTEC and the Kansas BioScience Authority to also contribute financially.

(After Item No. 2 Ms. Moellenberndt asked to return to Councilman Preisner's question about VENTRIA.)

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Ms. Moellenberndt reported KTEC approved at their last Board meeting \$500,000 as a commitment to the VENTRIA proposal. In addition, the Kansas Bio-Science Authority would be discussing this at greater length at their meeting in July. She added KTEC and the Kansas Bio-Science Authority were also talking to companies and investors to see what potential might be for venture capital as part of participation in the program.

(At this time JEDO went on to Item No. 4.)

ITEM NO. 2: The JEDO Operational Rules were approved as presented by Commissioner Miller. (A copy of these rules are on file in the Shawnee County Clerk's office.)

City Councilman Jeff Preisner presented a document entitled "JEDO Operational Policies and Procedures" as a starting point to discussion.

City Councilman Clark Duffy immediately made a motion to approve the policies and procedures as presented by Councilman Preisner. The motion was seconded by Councilman Preisner.

Commissioner Vic Miller presented a subsequent document entitled "JEDO Operational Rules" and made a substitute motion to approve his document as presented. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion.

Commissioner Ensley asked if everyone had a copy of the documents. Councilman Clark Duffy stated he did not have a copy of the policies and procedures presented by Councilman Preisner that he had just moved to adopt. Commissioner Miller suggested while copies of the documents were being made, that they proceed to the next item. (Copies of both documents were distributed later.)

(The JEDO returned to this item immediately following Item No. 3.)

Councilman Clark Duffy asked to discuss the differences between the two documents. Councilman Blackburn stated his opposition to the substitute motion. Councilman Preisner stated his opposition to the substitute motion and explained he felt the substitute motion carved out the accountability in the original document. He said he would be willing to vote down the substitute motion and work with the original document. He clarified he brought the rules forward for accountability.

After a full discussion, the vote was taken on the substitute motion. Motion passed 4-3.

Those members voting yes: Commissioner Vic Miller, Commissioner Marice Kane, Commissioner Ted Ensley and Mayor Bill Bunten.
Those members voting no: Councilman Blackburn, Councilman Duffy and Councilman Preisner.

(At this time Ms. Moellenberndt said she had some added remarks regarding Councilman Preisner's questions about VENTRIA—See Item No. 1.)

ITEM NO. 3: The Economic Development Report 1st Quarter 2006 was received.

After a brief report by Kathy Moellenberndt on the Economic Development Report 1st Quarter 2006, Commissioner Miller made a motion to acknowledge receipt. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane. Motion passed unanimously.

(The JEDO Board returned to Item No. 2)

ITEM NO. 4: Kathy Moellenberndt reported on potential prospects.

Ms. Kathy Moellenberndt reported since the first of the year projects had come before them ranging from manufacturing to distribution to call centers and service type industries. She noted it was difficult to go into much detail because many of the projects had requested them to sign confidentiality statements and others were concerned about much information being released to the general public until they were ready to make a decision of where they may locate.

OTHER DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Jeff Preisner to suspend the rules to add a question regarding DBE. Councilman Brett Blackburn seconded the motion.

Commissioner Miller stated his opposition to the motion. He noted Mr. Preisner's questions could be directed to GO Topeka. After a lengthy discussion, Deputy Mayor Jeff Preisner called for the question. Motion Failed 4-3.

Those members voting no: Commissioner Vic Miller, Commissioner Ted Ensley, Commissioner Marice Kane and Mayor Bill Bunten.

Those members voting yes: Councilman Brett Blackburn, Councilman Clark Duffy and Deputy Mayor Jeff Preisner.

Commissioner Miller made a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Clark Duffy asked if the Chair was prepared to set the next meeting date as required in section 3.1. The Chair responded no.

Councilman Clark Duffy moved to suspend section 6.1 of the JEDO Operational Rules for purposes of setting the next meeting of the JEDO.

Commissioner Miller then made a substitute motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kane seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-3.

Those members voting no: Councilman Brett Blackburn, Councilman Clark Duffy and Deputy Mayor Jeff Preisner.

Those members voting yes: Commissioner Vic Miller, Commissioner Ted Ensley, Commissioner Marice Kane and Mayor Bill Buntten.

Meeting adjourned.