

VALLEY CENTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 1:00 P.M.

Valley Center City Hall, 121 S. Meridian Avenue, Valley Center, KS

(via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89108046853>)

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:00 P.M.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Colbert
Casey Carlson
Brian Haight
Randy Jackson
Ben Anderson
Brent Clark, City Administrator
Ryan Shrack, Community Development Director
Angie Basden, Community Development Assistant

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 5, 2020 MINUTES

Motion was made by Board Member Ron Colbert and seconded by Board Member Casey Carlson to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2020 meeting. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A. New Pool/Rec. Center and Local 1% Sales Tax Election Question Updates

Ryan Shrack stated it is getting close to Election Day and he wanted to give an update on the project. He noted that all the information is out on the City of Valley Center website at the top of the website. Brent Clark mentioned that information went out in utility bills. He said as soon as info is received, he immediately updates the website with the current information. He stated that 100% of the sales tax revenue goes to the project. Board Member Ron Colbert inquired about membership fees, per Brent Clark, other area centers were compared for the pricing, however, as the project proceeds the City will be looking at all things regarding pricing and use of the facilities.

B. General Discussion

Brent Clark mentioned that the City of Valley Center KDOT econ. dev. grant for the Ford/77th Street project is 3.5 million dollars. The survey and work began today, and he hopes to bid out in fall/winter this year with construction beginning in the Spring of 2021. The project also includes a pedestrian walk along the street. Ford Street will be mirrored after 5th street. It includes a realignment of Seneca Street so it will be straight north and south and will no longer have that little jog onto Ford Street that is congested and dangerous to deal with. Board Member Brian Haight confirmed that the Ford Street project will not overlap with the Meridian Street projects.

Brent Clark and Ryan Shrack have been looking at the Economic Development incentives policy. Per Ryan Shrack, he had recently discussed a project with the Greater Wichita

Partnership and they have offered to help draft a new Economic Development incentives policy for the City of Valley Center, which he hopes to present a draft of the new incentive policy at the November board meeting for review and then submit to City Council for final approval.

Board Member Ron Colbert inquired of Ryan, Randy, Casey, with improvement of Ford Street, maybe do an advertising program of the road being replaced/updated. Ryan Shrack said he would look into that. Board Member Randy Jackson thought that would be a good idea. Board Member Randy Jackson inquired how prepared the City of Valley Center is for new growth. Ryan Shrack said as part of the Ford Street project, we are doing feasibility studies right now on expanding utilities- Brent Clark explained that the current infrastructure, as far as capacity the City can handle it, and in the CIP we will be exploring our own water treatment plant in 2021.

OLD BUSINESS-None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Board Member Casey and seconded by Board Member Ron Colbert to adjourn the meeting. Motion was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 1:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrack, Economic Development Board Secretary