



MINUTES

Board of Directors Workshop

City of Ames Economic Development

November 16, 2024

President Emmett Albro called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:00 AM at the City of Ames, City Hall Building.

Invocation

Invocation and the Pledge of Alliance was performed.

Attendance

Roll call was taken and the following Directors were present:

Mayor-Barbara Lee Domain

Emmett Albro, Reggie Rollins, Giovanni Stewart, Barbra Lange, and Eddie White. Advisors Kimberly Kidd and Renell Stratuss

Directors absent were Jerry Reescano, John Bennett, and Anthony Landry.

Council Members-Michael Trahan, Elizabeth Hardy, Eddie White, and Audrey Harrison

Council Member absent-Alfred Freeman

Approval of Board Agenda

Workshop agenda was presented by Mayor Barbara Lee Domain.

Workshop Agenda Items:

1. Future planning and zoning for the City of Ames
2. Economic development opportunities
3. Adjournment

Some ideas for the future zoning for the City of Ames was presented. Mayor Domain presented an idea of commercial zoning only along Hwy 90. EDC board members brought

up the current city ordinance that does not allow mobile (modular) homes on FM 160 north and south. Board Member Barbara Lange had questions for Councilman Michael Trahan on infrastructure, zoning, and potential business opportunities. All items will be revisited.

Annexation of some areas also discussed. Information provided stated that only ½ mile can be annexed at a time. The council will discuss which areas that will be more beneficial to the city at this time.

Mayor Domain proposed the purchase of 168 acres or land by the city. Councilwoman Elizabeth Hardy presented the idea of a possible developer partnership purchase with the city. This item will also be revisited.

Reports

Mayor Domain asked the EDC about projects that have been discussed. EDC Secretary Giovanni Stewart informed the council that the EDC has proposed: a food bank, park, recreational facilities, grocery store, and affordable housing.

Announcements

More than one board member will try to attend the City Council Monthly Meeting. The next council meeting will be December 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Next Meeting EDC Meeting

Date not set

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Barbra Lee Domain and second by Reggie Rollins to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:19 PM.

Giovanni Stewart
Giovanni Stewart, EDC Secretary

11/20/2024
Date

Emmett Albro, EDC President

Date