

**SPECIAL
COMMISSION MEETING**

11:00 A.M.

DECEMBER 12, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Emporia, Kansas, met in Special Session, Monday, December 12, 2022, with Mayor Smith presiding and Commissioners Brinkman, Giefer, Harter, and Sauder present. Also present were City Manager Cocking, City Clerk Sull and City Attorney Montgomery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Sauder made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss proprietary information of a third party relating to a potential economic development project, and invite Jeanine McKenna, President/CEO Emporia Area Chamber of Commerce, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m., to resume in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Harter, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Special Session, at 11:25 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Smith stated they had discussed proprietary information of a third party relating to a potential economic development project and no action was taken.

**CITY COMMISSION
(Kansas Department of Commerce)
(Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program)
(Downtown Commercial Rehabilitation Application)
(Gazette Building Development, LLC
(517 Merchant Street)
(Public Hearing)**

Maria Cuevas, Governmental Assistance Services, was recognized and addressed the Governing Body. She stated a public hearing must be held to allow for comments before an application is submitted for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for commercial rehabilitation for the building located at 517 Merchant Street. If the grant is awarded, the owners of the building will use the funds to rehabilitate the building to put it to its highest and best use.

Mayor Smith then declared the public hearing opened.

As no one in attendance wished to address the Governing Body, Mayor Smith then declared the public hearing closed.

CITY COMMISSION
(Housing Development and Rural Housing Incentive District Policy)
(Policy Revisions)

City Manager Cocking stated the proposed revisions are due to changing economic conditions in the housing marking including the cost of materials, supply chain issues, and administrative matters related to Charter Ordinance No. 41 and input from citizens and developers. He stated the proposed changes were discussed and reviewed by the Commission and no other changes have been made. The policy should be reviewed on a biannual basis to insure its consistent with market conditions and the needs of the community. He stated staff was recommending approval of the policy revisions.

Commissioner Brinkman made a motion to approve the Housing Development and Rural Housing Incentive District Policy and discussed and reviewed. Commissioner Giefer seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Harter made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss proprietary information of a third party relating to a potential economic development project, and invite Jeanine McKenna, President/CEO Emporia Area Chamber of Commerce, from 11:31 a.m. to 11:46 a.m., to resume in the City Commission Meeting Room. Commissioner Sauder seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Harter, aye; Commissioner Sauder, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; Commissioner Giefer, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye.

Upon reconvening the meeting in Special Session, at 11:46 a.m., this same date, in the City Commission Meeting Room, Mayor Smith stated they had discussed proprietary information of a third party relating to a potential

economic development project and no action was taken.

Commissioner Giefer then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Brinkman seconded the motion. The vote follows: Commissioner Giefer, aye; Commissioner Brinkman, aye; and Mayor Smith, aye. Commissioners Harter and Sauder were not available at the time of adjournment.

Becky Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kerry Sull, City Clerk