

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 30, 2020 at 10:45 AM

CITY COMMISSION / MUNICIPAL COURT ROOM
518 MECHANIC, EMPORIA, KS

Agenda

Meeting Items

1. Members Present:
2. Consider Memorandum of Understanding with Ignite Emporia.
3. Executive Session
4. **Executive Session**



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

MEETING DATE: December 30, 2020

ITEM NUMBER: 2

SUBJECT: Consider Memorandum of Understanding with Ignite Emporia.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Memorandum of Understanding and Authorize Mayor to Sign.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

The City Commission approved an Annual Public/Private Partnership Infrastructure Allocations Policy in 2018 which allocates funds yearly for public-private partnerships aimed at enhancing the City's quality of life, housing availability, commercial redevelopment and economic development throughout the community. No funds have been utilized in 2020 for public-private partnerships.

Ignite Emporia is planning development of a new housing sub-division that would include at least 50 buildable lots for single-family residential development. Ignite desires to enter into a public-private partnership with the City for this project. Ignite requests that the City reserve \$200,000.00 in un-utilized public-private partnership funds from 2020 for consideration of this project. Ignite will provide a formal application and proposed development plan to the City Manager within 180 days of execution of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding memorializes this agreement and authorizes reservation of funds allocated for public-private partnerships in 2020 until 2021 for consideration of this project.

ACTION RECORD

Action: _____

Motion: _____ Second: _____

Abstained: _____ Vote: _____

GEITZ _____ GIEFER _____ GILLIGAN _____ SMITH _____ BRINKMAN _____

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This agreement between the City of Emporia, Kansas (hereinafter referred to as “City”), and The Emporia Area Chamber of Commerce Ignite Emporia Initiative (hereinafter referred to as “Ignite Emporia”) delineates the agreement of the parties regarding potential development of a housing subdivision within the City Limits of Emporia, Kansas.

WHEREAS The Emporia City Commission has made efforts to improve access and availability of housing in the Emporia community a priority goal by adoption of organizational goals in 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS the City adopted an Annual Public/Private Partnership Infrastructure Allocation Policy (the “Policy”) in 2018; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has created obstacles to initiation of public/private infrastructure projects in the year 2020; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive housing study of Lyon County, KS completed in 2020 identified the availability of buildable lots as a restrictive barrier to housing investment in the Emporia community; and

WHEREAS Ignite Emporia is a community led initiative that includes a priority focus on improving the availability and accessibility of quality housing in the Emporia and Lyon County region.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Ignite Emporia desires to serve as a Public-Private partner with the City for the development of a new housing sub-division that would include at least 50 buildable lots for single-family residential development.
2. Ignite Emporia agrees to provide a formal application and proposed development plan to the City Manager within 180 Days of execution of this agreement.
3. City agrees to reserve funding in the amount of \$200,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2020 Public-Private Partnership budget for consideration of a Public-Private partnership with Emporia Enterprises in 2021 for development of a new housing sub-division. Final approval will be subject to formal application and review as specified in the Policy.
4. City agrees to consider additional tools of development if requested by Ignite Emporia including but not limited to Rural Housing Incentive District, Infrastructure Improvements, Construction Management or Supervision of lot development projects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have set their hands this 30th day of December 2020.

Danny Giefer, Mayor

Ignite Emporia