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MEETING MINUTES
AUBURN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Monday, December 19, 2013 @ 5:00 PM
Third Floor Training Room
Memorial City Hall

Board Present: Sue Chandler, (Member of Labor); Frank DeRosa (At-Large Member); Amanda Sigona (School Board Member); Michael Kane (Member of Industry); James Dacey (Chair & Member of Business)

Excused: Laurie Piccolo (At- Large Member); Matthew Smith (Council Member); William Graney (Council Member)

Staff: Jennifer Haines, AIDA Executive Director; Alicia McKeen, Secretary

Counsel: Rick Cook, Hancock and Estabrook

Guests: Peter Maciulewicz, Mack Studios; Greg Mason, The Citizen; Andrew Fish, CEDA, CoC.

Jim Dacey calls the meeting to order and introduces first order of business: Mack Studios consideration for financing.

Jenny Haines: Explains the resolution.

Jim Dacey: PILOT terms are outlined within.

Rob Poyer: Resolution states acceptance of the application; UTEP deviation, formal policy deviation and agreement for Jim Dacey to sign

Jim Dacey: Asks if everyone agrees with notes on AIDA spreadsheet. Resolution is approving execution by AIDA.

Asks for a motion to approve the resolution. So moved by Mike Kane, seconded by Frank DeRosa.

Peter Maciulewicz: Thanks everyone for their time and consideration. Wouldn't have been here without the work of Jenny Haines. Easy to work with AIDA.

Jim Dacey: Appreciates what Jenny does and the effort she puts in. Thanks Peter for saying this.

Further discussion? Roll call vote. All members vote approval. Motion carried.

Jim Dacey: Next item is the request by Councilor Camardo for PILOTS to be brought before Council for final approval after being voted on by AIDA.

Jenny Haines: Reads motion fashioned by Rick Cook.

Jim Dacey asks for a motion to approve the resolution. So moved by Mike Kane, seconded by Sue Chandler.

Rob Poyer: As resolution for this was brought for a vote before and no one moved to put it on the floor which is tantamount to a 'no' vote.

Jim Dacey: Is that sufficient or do we move forward?

Rob Poyer: Let the board decide.

Frank DeRosa: Reads attachment 1.

Sue Chandler: Well put.

Jenny Haines: We have a proposal by CEDA if you want to talk with Andrew Fish.

Amanda Sigona: We've been an independent agency for all these years. Keep the power and authority, stay as is.

Sue Chandler: Feels the same way. Why have a board if they are not making the decisions? Agree to have more communication.

Jenny Haines: We will facilitate communication as needed.

Jim Dacey: As you have done so well in the past.

Mike Kane: Would like to see in writing what AIDA has done; taxes collected then and now. What sense is this board if the City has to approve what we do? Voting to keep as is.

Jim Dacey: It is specified we need two members of Council for interchange between Council and AIDA. Points out Council members only at public hearings or meetings one or two times. There needs to be a desire on Council's part to interact with AIDA. AIDA has attended Council meetings as needed. I will vote against any measure allowing City Council final say.

Frank DeRosa: Communication has not been bad on AIDA's part. Case in point; the Councilor requesting this action is not even here.

Andrew Fish: All point well put. IDAs are established with an arm's length from official bodies for this purpose. They are not publically elected so there is no pressure for appeasement. I have information on the effectiveness of AIDA in the past and will share that. CEDA will maintain that separation between the IDA and Council.

Jim Dacey: Anything else? As clarification a 'yes' vote agrees with Council?

Jenny Haines: A 'yes' vote give City Council final say, a 'no' vote is against the proposition.

Jim Dacey asks for a roll call vote. All members vote against the proposition. Motion failed.

Jim Dacey: Other business?

Mike Kane: Wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and great New Year.

Jenny Haines: Seconds sentiments.

Doesn't know when Council will make board appointments. We can still meet if there is no quorum. Will keep everyone updated.

Jim Dacey: Wants to bring the board to full capacity. One person wishes to leave so we need two appointments.

Jenny Haines: Appreciates the board's diligence.

Andrew Fish: Asks how quick AIDA would like to take up administrative services from CEDA? Forward any directions to him.

Mike Kane: We need the new councilors on board before we decide.

Jim Dacey: Should start discussion by the end of January, early February.

Jenny Haines: Will provide them with information to bring them up to date prior.

Jim Dacey: Would like to see it done by the end of the second quarter if going ahead with it. Fees continue to be paid to the City.

Jenny Haines: Charge is based on hours, not a flat fee.

PILOT invoices are coming in as paid.

Late fees are being assessed so the policy has worked.

Amanda Sigona: Questions future applications.

Jenny Haines: None at this time. Have met with another company but it is unknown at this time which direction they will take. Calamar is changing their holding company which will need AIDA approval.

Jim Dacey: Has spoken with some people from out of town who are blown away by downtown. Over 120 thousand people attended Merry Go Round theatre.

Merry Christmas, the best in the New Year.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Kane, seconded by Sue Chandler.

Meeting adjourned.

Recorded by Alicia McKeen