



AGENDA ITEM #10.2

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: Request to Increase Number of Members on Economic Development Commission.

Report: The Economic Development Commission is recommending that the City Council increase the number of members on the EDC from five to seven to allow for greater collaboration. Also, in an effort to increase collaboration with neighboring communities, the EDC is requesting the inclusion of a representative from the City of Jenkins to serve on the Commission.

In 2007, the City Council approved the formation of the EDC as noted in the following excerpts of City Council minutes.

7-17-07 City Council Meeting Minutes

Sheila Haverkamp from BLADC indicated she was present to discuss ways in which the City could be more proactive in the economic development of the City. The Council discussed the benefit of forming an economic development committee. It was the consensus of the Council that it was premature for the City to form an EDA but that an economic development committee would be beneficial at this time. Discussion was

held regarding the roles that PLADO, Business Park Committee and an Economic Development Committee would play. It was the consensus of the Council that once formed, the economic development committee would decide what goals were important for the committee. It was also decided that this committee would not necessarily negate the need for PLADO or the Business Park Committee.

MAYOR MALECHA MOVED TO FORM AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. COUNCIL MEMBER NAGEL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

The Council indicated that it would be important to have a City Council liaison for the committee and that all members must live in the City or be a business owner in the City. It was the consensus of the Council to have each Council member bring two names to the next meeting and then a vote would be taken to appoint the members.

8-7-07 City Council Meeting Minutes

The City Clerk passed out ballots with names that had been submitted by Council Members for the Economic Development Committee. Following a vote by the Council the following members were appointed to the committee:

- *Mark Jurchen*
- *Nancy Adams*
- *Ed Larsen*
- *Justin Bolz-Andolshek*
- *Patrick Smith*

Mayor Malecha volunteered to be the Council liaison to this committee.

Council Action Requested: Council motion to increase the number of members on the Economic Development Commission from five to seven with the inclusion of a representative from the City of Jenkins.