



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
Thursday October 22, 2020

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
(T) John Craner, <i>Region IV</i>	(T) Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i>
(T) Steve Meyer, <i>Region I</i>	(T) Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development & Operations Administrator</i>
(T) Paul Kimmell, <i>Region II</i>	(T) Karen Appelgren, <i>Business Retention and Expansion Manager</i>
(T) Mike Reynoldson, <i>Region III</i>	(T) Susie Davidson, <i>Business Attraction Manager</i>
(T) Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i>	(T) Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i>
(T) Sandy Patano, <i>At-Large</i>	(T) Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i>
	(T) Jason Barnes, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>
	(T) Mark Blaiser, <i>Grants and Contracts Operations Analyst</i>
	(T) Magaly Carrillo, <i>Administrative Assistant II</i>
	(T) Paris Dickerson, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>
	(T) Rylon Hofacer, <i>Senior Research Analyst</i>
	(T) Tony Tenne, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
(T) denotes via telephone	(T) James Varner, <i>Community Development Analyst</i>

Call to Order

Chairman John Craner called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Craner noted that the minutes for the September 24, 2020 Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections, he would approve the minutes as distributed.

Moved by: Rick Phillips

Seconded By: Steve Meyer

All in favor. Motion approved.

Call for Conflict of Interest

Chairman Craner asked EAC if they have a conflict of interest and would like to recuse themselves. (No response from EAC)

Charmin Craner explained the order of the agenda will be changed for the Community Development team to go first followed by executive session.

CDBG & RCIF Updates

Dennis Porter gave a Power Point presentation on the CDBG & RCIF program updates.

CDBG Public Parks Application Review

Dennis Porter went over the Public Park application spreadsheet with EAC.

Mike Reynoldson joined the EAC meeting at 2:25

Dennis Porter, Tony Tenne, and Magaly Carrillo presented the Nine Public Park applications to EAC. The Nine Public Park applications are the City of Jerome, City of Moscow, City of Newdale, City of Rexburg, City of Wallace, City of Filer, City of Homedale, City of American Falls, and Lincoln County. The Community Development Team recommends funding the City of Jerome, City of Moscow, City of Newdale, City of Rexburg, City of Wallace, City of Filer, and the 135,00 for the City of Homedale to equal \$1,485,000.

Motion

To move funds from Planning, Public Facilities, and Economic Development CDBG set asides into the Public Park set aside to fund the Public Park applications as recommended by the Community Development team at \$1,485,000.

Moved by: Steve Meyer

Seconded by: Rick Phillips

All in favor. Motion approved.

Director's Welcome

Director Kealey welcomed EAC and thanked everyone for joining the call today. The economy in Idaho is robust and we are still getting economic interest in the state. Tourism and International trade are getting hit but they are finding ways to work around the problems brought on by the pandemic. Commerce and areas around the state are still receiving grants to help during this pandemic. Broadband is still going on strong.

Motion to Move to Executive Session

Chairman Craner announced he would entertain a motion to move the Council to executive session to review the details of the TRI's proprietary scoring process ***pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to review records exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code Sections 74-107(6), and 67-4708.***

Rick Phillips moved to enter executive session. Sandy Patano seconded.

Roll call vote to move into executive session

John Craner – Aye

Steve Meyer – Aye

Mike Reynoldson – Aye

Rick Phillips – Aye

Paul Kimmell – Aye

Sandy Patano – Aye

With over two-thirds majority in favor, the Council moved into executive session at 3:44 p.m.

Return to Public Session

Chairman Craner noted that the Council returned to the public session at 4:29 p.m.

Chairman Craner indicated the Council:

1. Reviewed and discussed proprietary project updates and TRI's proprietary scoring process.
2. After discussions were concluded, the executive session was closed upon motion by Sandy Patano, seconded by Steve Meyer and a majority vote.

Motion

To close the meeting.

Moved by: Rick Phillips

Seconded by: Paul Kimmell

All in favor. Motion approved.

Chairman Craner adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.