Grand Prairie Local Government Corporation

June 1, 2020
City of Grand Prairie
Grand Prairie Municipal Complex
Council Briefing Room
300 West Main Street
Grand Prairie, Texas

Minutes

An initial meeting of the board of directors of the Grand Prairie Local Government Corporation was called to order on June 1, 2020 by Amy Sprinkles at 11:33 a.m.

Members Present

Amy Sprinkles, Chair/President Terry Jones, Vice-Chair/Vice President Susan Sanders, Treasurer Steven Cherry, Secretary

Staff Present

Becky Brooks, Chief Financial Officer Bill Crolley, Deputy City Manager Brady Olsen, Cash & Debt Manager Megan Mahan, City Attorney Paula Elliott, Recording Secretary Steve Dye, Chief Operating Officer

1. Call to order

Ms. Amy Sprinkles called the meeting to order and recognized the board members as herself, Susan Sanders, Terry Jones, and Steven Cherry.

2. Election of Temporary Chair and Temporary Secretary

Ms. Jones made a motion for Amy Sprinkles as temporary chair. Mr. Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Cherry, Jones, Sanders

Nays: None

Ms. Sprinkles made a motion for Steven Cherry as temporary secretary. Ms. Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Cherry, Jones, Sanders

Nays: None

3. Consider Resolution No. 2020-1 Adopting the Bylaws of the Corporation

Ms. Megan Mahan gave a brief overview of the bylaws.

Ms. Sanders made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Cherry, Jones, Sanders

Nays: None

4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Ms. Jones made a motion for Amy Sprinkles as chair of the Board of Directors. Ms. Sanders seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Cherry, Jones, Sanders

Nays: None

Ms. Sprinkles made a motion for Terry Jones as vice-chair of the Board. Mr. Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Cherry, Jones, Sanders

Nays: None

5. Consider Resolution No. 2020-2 Electing the Officers of the Corporation

Ms. Sprinkles inquired why there is a need to have two offices. Mr. Steve Dye replied because it is a legal requirement. Ms. Mahan said effectively the chair and president offices could be held by the same person. The chair runs the meeting and if the chair is absent, then the vice-chair would step in. The president acts as a CEO, and etc.

Ms. Sprinkles made a motion for herself as Chair/President of the Corporation, Terry Jones as Vice-Chair/Vice-President, Susan Sanders as Treasurer, and Steven Cherry as Secretary. Mr. Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Cherry, Jones, Sanders

Nays: None

Vice-chair Jones questioned if the intent of this group is to grow the board. Ms. Mahan answered firstly, you are the board. Secondly, this group deals with economic development situations and sensitive information so items need to be kept confidential. Ms. Becky Brooks said also keeping the group small will allow the members to pull together on short notice.

6. Consider Resolution No. 2020-3 Establishing Times, Dates, and Location for Annual Meetings of the Board of Directors

The board discussed the best possible time to meet. Chair Sprinkles amended the resolution to the second Thursday in August at 9:00 am.

Mr. Cherry moved to approve the motion. Ms. Sanders seconded. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Jones, Sanders, Cherry

Navs: None

7. Discuss the mission and purpose of the Local Government Corporation

Mr. Dye thanked the board and staff for volunteering to help. This group will be a great tool and another economic development mechanism. Mr. Brady Olsen explained that this group can do things that the city is not authorized to do. The LGC can issue debt which will be very helpful. For example, restaurants at Epic Central. Ms. Mahan added that the LGC will not have to bid for the acquisition of property. Chair Sprinkles asked if the group name could be changed to omit the inference to city and or government. Ms. Mahan said no, it was formed with that name. However, a broker could be hired. Vice-chair Jones said this kind of thing is common practice. Mr. Olsen stated the next meeting will not happen until December or January depending on the next project time frame and the funding needed.

Chair Sprinkles stated no motion was needed.

8. Consider Resolution No. 2020-4 Authorizing Negotiation and Execution of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Administrative Services with the City of Grand Prairie

Chair Sprinkles made a motion to approve resolution 2020-4. Mr. Cherry moved to approve the motion. Ms. Sanders seconded. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Jones, Sanders, Cherry

Navs: None

9. Consider Appointment of General Counsel for the Corporation

Chair Sprinkles moved that Ms. Megan Mahan be designated as the Corporation's general counsel. Ms. Jones moved to approve the motion. Mr. Cherry seconded. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Jones, Sanders, Cherry

Nays: None

10. Discuss Upcoming Meeting Dates and Possible Additional Meetings

Chair Sprinkles recapped the corporation will meet on the second Thursday in August and again possibly towards the end of the year. Mr. Olsen said Finance will provide a budget at the next meeting. Chair Sprinkles instructed for future agendas to have an item at the top for citizen comments. Chair Sprinkles moved to approve the motion. Mr. Cherry seconded. The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Sprinkles, Jones, Sanders, Cherry

Nays: None

Chair Sprinkles recognized that there were no citizens present.

11. Adjourn

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Sprinkles adjourned the meeting at 12:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Cherry, Secretary