CITY OF KALAMAZOO  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, May 21, 2020  
Electronic meeting under the authority of Executive Order 2020-48  
Issued by Governor Gretchen Whitmer

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Escamilla; Kyle Gulau; Jason Novotny; Patti Owens; Doug Phillips; Jasmine Vedua; Kevan Hess; Tom Schlueter, Andy Wenzel, Vice Mayor Patrese Griffin

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nathan Bolton, Fritz Brown

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Scott Borling (City Clerk); Richard Cherry (City Attorney); Jamie McCarthy (Development Coordinator); Antonio Mitchell (Development Project Coordinator); Beth Cheseman (Executive Administrative Assistant); Joe Agostinelli (Consultant, Southwest Michigan First); Rebekah Kik (Community Planning and Economic Development Director)

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 AM by Chair Doug Phillips

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: No motion was taken.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Patti Owens moved the approval of the agenda; supported by Mr. Kevan Hess. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2019: Mr. James Escamilla moved the approval of the minutes; supported by Mr. Tom Schlueter. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Swearing in of new member, Vice-Mayor Griffin (Scott Borling, City Clerk).
   
   Mr. Scott Borling, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Vice-Mayor Griffin.
   
   Chair Phillips welcomed Vice-Mayor Griffin.

2. Approval of a recommendation that the City Commission appoint Jamauri Bogan and Lucas Middleton as new board members to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board for one 6-year term each. (Action: Motion to approve the recommendation that the City Commission appoint Jamauri Bogan and Lucas Middleton as new board members to the EDC board for one 6-year term).
Chair Phillips stated that Jamauri Bogan and Lucas Middleton were before the board to be approved for recommendation to the City Commission as new EDC board members. They would replace himself and Mr. Tom Schlueer. He added that he was excited about what the candidates could contribute to the board.

Ms. Patti Owens moved to approve the recommendation that the City Commission appoint Jamauri Bogan and Lucas Middleton as new board members to the EDC board for one 6-year term; supported by Mr. Kevan Hess.

Ms. Owens expressed thankfulness to the candidates for stepping forward to do their civic duty.

Roll call vote was taken and unanimously approved.

It was announced that this matter will go to City Commission in an upcoming meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board officer elections will take place at the June 18, 2020 EDC board meeting. Mr. Doug Phillips, current board chairperson, will appoint a committee to present a slate of nominees for the positions of chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary/treasurer.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 AM

Beth Cheeseman
Beth Cheeseman, Recording Secretary

Chair Signature

Name/Title

[Signatures]