



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
March 11, 2021

Department Administration

Director Approval Kelly Passauer

AGENDA ITEM Consider an ordinance adding an Ex-Officio Member representing the Housing Authority to the Economic Development Advisory Board; and modifying the date and time of Economic Development Advisory Board meetings.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Approve the ordinance.

BACKGROUND The Economic Development Advisory Board ordinance includes ex-officio members from the Chamber, MCAC and Main Street. However, it does not include an ex-officio representative of the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority has become more active in Economic Development efforts over the years as housing is an important piece of the Economic Development puzzle. It is recommended that the Housing Authority's executive director be included as an ex-officio member of this board. Ex-officio members are nonvoting members of the board.

In addition, the Economic Development Board has determined to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 PM, which does not coincide with the ordinance which indicates that they will meet on the second Tuesday at 4:00 PM. It is recommended to modify the date and time in the ordinance to coincide with the current Economic Development Advisory Board meetings.

The City Attorney has reviewed the ordinance to make these modifications.

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to adopt an ordinance adding an Ex-Officio Member representing the Housing Authority to the Economic Development Advisory Board; and modifying the date and time of Economic Development Advisory Board meetings.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. Section 2-66 and 2-70 of the current Code with suggested changes
2. Proposed ordinance

- **Sec. 2-66. - Membership.**

There is hereby created an economic development advisory board. The board shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the governing body of the city. The executive director of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, Inc., the executive director of ~~the~~ Montgomery County Action Council, Inc., ~~and~~ the executive director of Independence Main Street, Inc., ~~and the executive director of the Housing Authority,~~ shall all serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the board.

(Ord. No. 3770, § 1, 2-5-98; Ord. No. 4094, § 1, 6-9-11; Ord. No. 4312, § 1, 10-10-19)

- **Sec. 2-70. - Meetings.**

The economic development advisory board shall meet on the ~~second~~ first Tuesday of the month at ~~4:00~~ 3:30 p.m. or more frequently as called by the chairman, the majority of the board, or as requested by the mayor.

(Ord. No. 3770, § 5, 2-5-98)

ORDINANCE NO. 4353

**An Ordinance Adding an Ex-Officio Member
To the Economic Development Advisory Board; and Modifying the Date and Time of
Meetings of the Economic Development Advisory Board**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas:

Section 1. City Code Section 2-66 (Ordinance No. 4312) is hereby amended to read as follows in its entirety:

There is hereby created an Economic Development Advisory Board. The Board shall consist of seven members who shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the governing body of the City. The executive director of the Independence Chamber of Commerce, Inc., the executive director of the Montgomery County Action Council, Inc., the executive director of the Independence Main Street, Inc., and the executive director of the Independence Housing Authority shall all serve as ex-officio, nonvoting members of the Board.

Section 2. City Code Section 2-70 (Ordinance No. 3770) is hereby amended to read as follows in its entirety:

The economic development advisory board shall meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. or more frequently as called by the chairman, the majority of the board, or as requested by the mayor.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas, on the 11th day of March, 2021.

LOUIS YSUSI, Mayor

ATTEST:

DAVID W. SCHWENKER, City Clerk