

**STATE OF TEXAS** §  
**COUNTIES OF POTTER** §  
**AND RANDALL** §  
**CITY OF AMARILLO** §

On the 16th day of May 2024, the East Gateway Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting at 12:00 PM in Room 306 of City Hall, at 601 South Buchanan Street, Amarillo, Texas with the following members present:

Voting Members	Present	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended
David Walker, Chairman, Potter County	Y	35	35
John Betancourt, Amarillo College	Y	7	6
Blair Schaffer, Potter County	Y	5	4
Helen Burton, Potter County	N	41	26
Doyle Corder, Amarillo Independent School District	Y	6	4
Michelle Bonner, Amarillo Hospital District	Y	11	9
Lee Peterson, Panhandle Groundwater District	Y	12	10
Tracy Shea, City of Amarillo	Y	14	13
Alan Gertonson, City of Amarillo	N*	2	1

*\*With a quorum present, staff attempted to video conference in Board member Alan Gertonson, but unfortunately the connection could not be established.*

Staff present:

Drew Brassfield, Assistant Director of Planning  
Andrew Freeman, Deputy City Manager  
Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager & CFO  
Bryan McWilliam, City Attorney  
Katrina Owens, Director of Finance  
Jon Barnes, Grants & Special Projects Manager  
Jenine Cruz, Administrative Technician

**ITEM 1. Call to Order**

David Walker, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and established a quorum.

**ITEM 2. Public Address**

Mr. Walker inquired if anyone in the audience wished to speak for Public Address.

Brady Wilson, West Texas A&M Student & Treasurer of the Bug Ranch Association, spoke in favor of Item 4.A. and stated he was excited to work with the City on this new attraction and wanted to give visitors one more reason to visit Amarillo and enjoy our attractions.

**ITEM 3. Minutes - Approval of the minutes of the East Gateway Tax Reinvestment Zone No. 2 Board meeting held on April 18, 2024.**

A motion was made by Lee Peterson and seconded by John Betancourt, to approve the minutes as submitted.

The motion passed 7-0.

**ITEM 4.A. Discussion and consideration of a grant request by Galaxy Catering, Inc. for support of a project in the vicinity of Sunrise Dr and Interstate 40.**

Drew Brassfield, Assistant Director of Planning, presented the discussion item to the board for a grant request for \$90k from Galaxy Catering, Inc. for the new Bug Ranch. The grant will help pay for parking, professional services, site improvements and marketing.

A motion was made by Michelle Bonner and seconded by Blair Schaffer, to approve the \$90k grant request for Galaxy Catering, Inc.

The motion passed 7-0.

**ITEM 4.B. Discussion and consideration of the updated Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 Investment Policy.**

Laura Storrs, Assistant City Manager & CFO, presented the updated TIRZ #2 Investment Policy to the board.

A motion was made by John Betancourt and seconded by Lee Peterson, to approve the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2 Investment Policy.

The motion passed 7-0.

**ITEM 4.C. Discussion and consideration of electing a Vice Chairman for the East Gateway Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2.**

The board had an open discussion amongst themselves on who to elect as Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Lee Peterson and seconded by Michelle Bonner, to elect John Betancourt as the new Vice Chairman of the TIRZ #2 board.

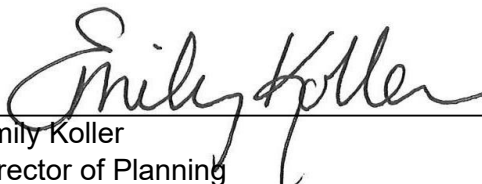
The motion passed 7-0.

**ITEM 5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas**

No items were discussed.

**ITEM 6. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM.

  
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Emily Koller  
Director of Planning