

RESOLUTION NO. 1927

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN THE CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body and citizens of Gardner have expressed interest in increased citizen engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has established the following Strategic Priorities: Promote Economic Development, Improve Quality of Life, Fiscal Stewardship and Infrastructure and Asset Management; and

WHEREAS, citizen advisory committees are a significant means to obtain citizen involvement on key issues; and

WHEREAS, economic development is a key issue facing the City of Gardner and one of the Strategic Priorities previously identified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: An Economic Development Advisory Committee is hereby established.

SECTION TWO: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall consist of five members and all members shall be residents of the City of Gardner. The members may be building contractors, developers, members of financial institutions, members of educational institutions, members of cultural institutions, members of welfare agencies and labor, or business and industrial representatives.

SECTION THREE: Each council member shall recommend to the Mayor an individual for appointment. The Mayor shall make a final recommendation for appointment for approval by consent of the City Council. One member shall be appointed for one year, two members for a term of two years, and two members for a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for three-year terms. In the event of vacancies, the appointments shall be for the unexpired terms. The council member serving as an ex-officio board member of the Gardner Edgerton Chamber of Commerce and the Mayor shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee. Members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION FOUR: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall meet monthly. A quorum of the committee is by a majority of the committee. Meetings of the Committee are subject to the requirements of the Kansas Open Meetings Act and shall be open to the public. Records shall be kept of all committee meetings.

SECTION FIVE: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall provide broad policy recommendations to the City Council but shall avoid discussions or negotiations regarding any pending or proposed development agreements. Any inquiry regarding pending or proposed development agreements shall be referred to the Business & Economic Development Director.

SECTION SIX: The Economic Development Advisory Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council and shall have the following duties:

- (1) Review and provide recommendations on the Economic Development Strategy and Economic Development Incentive Policy;
- (2) Advise the City Council on the attraction and expansion of business, retail, industrial, and commercial development which is consistent with the city's comprehensive plan;
- (3) Review and provide recommendations regarding Economic Development policies, rules, regulations, and other matters relating to the economic development program of the City of Gardner, as directed by the City Council; and
- (4) Collaborate with other governmental agencies, non-profit, and for-profit organizations in the advancement of economic development programs and projects, as directed by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the City Council on this 13th day of July, 2015.

SIGNED by the Mayor on this 13th day of July, 2015.

(SEAL)

CITY OF GARDNER, KANSAS

/s/ Chris Morrow
Chris Morrow, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Jeanne Koontz
Jeanne Koontz, City Clerk