

City of Hays
City Commission
Work Session Notes
March 15, 2012

Present: Barbara Wasinger, Troy Hickman, Ron Mellick, John Bird, Paul Briseno
Absent: Kent Steward, Henry Schwaller IV

Work session started at 6:00 p.m.

Economic Development Policy

At the November 17, 2011 work session, a revised Economic Development Policy was presented containing a recommended Industrial Revenue Bond (IRB) policy and associated section changes. The Commissioners gave staff guidance to develop an abatement matrix based on jobs and/or capital investment, set criteria for claw backs when performance standards are not met, create a high-tech business definition, option for Commission to deviate from the policy, Community Improvement District renewal, and option for the Commissioners to grant sales tax exemption for an IRB on a case-by-case basis.

City staff, with guidance from Aaron White, executive director of the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development and Gina Riekhoff, staff attorney at Gilmore and Bell, developed draft concepts for Commission consideration. Assistant City Manager Paul Briseno and City Attorney John Bird discussed the draft policy with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will be requested to approve the revised Economic Development Policy at the March 22, 2012 Commission meeting.

Workers Compensation Insurance

For many years the City of Hays has procured its worker's compensation insurance through the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust (KMIT). KMIT is

operated by the League of Kansas Municipalities. In January the Commission voted to drop its membership in the League, which meant that the City needed to obtain a different work-comp provider by April 1st.

At the March 22, 2012 Commission meeting, the Commissioners will be requested to approve the low bid submitted by Berkshire-Hathaway, in the amount of \$171,495, for workers' compensation insurance.

The work session adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk