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JEDO Board of Directors  
November 30, 2005  
3:30 p.m.  
Chamber of Commerce Board Room

The JEDO Board met in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room with the following JEDO voting members present: City of Topeka; Deputy Mayor John Alcalá; Council Member John Nave, Council Member Bill Haynes; Shawnee County Commissioners: Commissioner Vic Miller, Commissioner Ted Ensley. Mayor Bill Bunten and Commissioner Marice Kane were absent.

Also Present: Jeff Preisner, City Council Member; Rich Eckert, Shawnee County; Brenden Long, City of Topeka; Adjutant General Tod Bunting; Col. Gregg Burden, 190<sup>th</sup> ARW; Brad Owen, Mize Houser & Co.; Carl Koupal, Kris Robbins, GO Topeka; Kathleen Urbom, GO Topeka, GO Topeka; John Armbrust, Governor's Strategic Military Planning Commission; Lt. John Moore, State of Kansas; Tim Hrenchir, Topeka Capital Journal; Karen Keehn, Berberich Trahan; Mary Holmes, Account Collect Financial; Milton Jackson, Jr., Topeka African American Pastor's Coalition; Neil Dobler, City of Topeka; Tom Flanagan, Shawnee County; Curtis Pitts, DBE; Doug Kinsinger, Kathy Moellenberndt, Christy Caldwell, Thomas Officer, Brian Turner, Monique Johnson, Nora Patton Taylor, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce/GO Topeka.

Deputy Mayor Alcalá called the meeting to order. He requested a moment of silence in respect for the loss of Commissioner Marice Kane's mother.

1. **Minutes of October 27, 2005 Meeting.** Commissioner Miller moved, Commissioner Ensley seconding, that the minutes of the October 27, 2005 meeting be approved. The motion carried.
2. **Wanamaker Road Extension Cost.** Item was moved to later in the meeting to accommodate Lt. Governor John Moore's presentation.
3. **Governor's Military Strategic Planning Commission (GMACC).** Lt. Governor John Moore presented information as a follow up to the recent BRAC procedures. The Governor's Commission was created to protect and grow the military presence in Kansas. Kansas did exceptionally well in the BRAC process in that all four major installations will remain open and expand; 13,000 additional troops and related civilian jobs will be added at an economic impact of over \$.5 Billion dollars annually. The BRAC recommendations will strengthen the Forbes Field military complex in that they will receive 12 new KC135R refueling tankers. Lt. Governor Moore discussed the future role of the GMACC is to protect the current gains from the BRAC process and further grow the military presence in Kansas and to maintain a presence in Washington, DC as it relates to future Defense Department reviews. He further discussed future potential missions for the 190<sup>th</sup> ARW. To this end, the Commission is requesting \$50,000 from each community for 2006 to be combined with \$220,000 from the state to continue the winning

formula for Kansas. Lt. Governor Moore answered questions from the board. The Adjutant General Tod Bunting advised the board that the commission could open doors that the military could not and were a great advocate for Kansas missions. Commissioner Miller expressed his and the board's appreciation for the Commissions work on behalf of Kansas. Commissioner Miller moved, Council Member Haynes seconding, that a recommendation be made to GO Topeka to allocate \$50,000 as a contribution to the 2006 Governor's Military Strategic Planning Commission to carry on their work. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Selection of 2005 Audit Firm.** Doug Kinsinger discussed the selection of the 2005 audit firm. Berberich Trahan had submitted a Letter of Engagement for the audit in the amount of \$8,000. Kinsinger indicated that the amount is in line with past expenditures. Commissioner Miller suggested that bids be taken for the audit procedure in 2006. Commissioner Miller moved, Council Member Nave seconding, that Berberich Trahan be selected as the auditor for the 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion of 2006 Economic Development Priorities/Strategic Plan.** Doug Kinsinger and Kathy Moellenberndt presented the proposed Strategic Plan for GO Topeka for 2006. They discussed the new programs, including the Topeka Science & Technology Commission, E-mails to consultants; the possibility of putting together a "mega" site for projects that might come our way, and supporting the projected military growth at Fort Riley. Kathy Moellenberndt discussed the Performance Measurements and the new items on No. 4. Council Member Haynes moved, Council Member Nave seconding, that the 2006 Performance Measurements and the 2006 Strategic Plan be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Renewal of GO Topeka Contract.** Rich Eckert presented the proposed 2006 contract indicating that both he and City Attorney Brenden Long had reviewed the document. Eckert proposed that language in Paragraph 3, the language relating to the Interlocal Agreement be eliminated. Commissioner Ensley moved, Council Member Haynes seconding, that the proposed 2006 contract be approved. Commissioner Miller made a substitute motion, Commissioner Ensley seconding that on Page 4, Paragraph 8, the language "of up to twenty-five (25%) of the grant amount of this Agreement" be stricken as any carry-over would have to be approved by JEDO and GO Topeka. The substitute motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Miller further moved, Council Member Nave seconding that the language in Paragraph 18 be amended to include the following: "To facilitate the expenditure of these funds, GO Topeka shall create and retain a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Council (DBE Council) with the responsibility of approving a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Budget and whose approval shall be required for any expenditure exceeding \$1,000.00." Council Member Haynes moved, Council Member Nave seconding that the recommendation on Paragraph 18 be approved. The motion failed. Commissioner Miller moved, Commissioner Ensley seconding that the JEDO contract be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. 2006 GO Topeka Budget.** Brad Owen of Mize Houser presented the proposed 2006 GO Topeka Budget. Owen explained changes and budget increases for existing staff; discussed department activities and DBE budgeting. Any remaining DBE funds will be carried over from 2005 to 2006. There is a new line item for military relations of \$50,000, and other operating expenses are comparable. Marketing expenditures have been increased for SCCA events and

other new initiatives. Council Member Nave moved, Commissioner Ensley seconding, that the proposed 2006 GO Topeka budget be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. Federal Funding Priorities.** Christy Caldwell reported on receipt of federal funds during the year and the request for 2006-2007. To date, \$5.6 million has been approved for the Topeka Boulevard Bridge and \$200,000 approved for Heartland Park Topeka. The recommended FY 2007 federal requests are: planning funds for the Kansas River Development; continued funding for Heartland Park Topeka; restoration of Constitution Hall; a Squadron Operations Facility at Forbes; infrastructure funds for Central Crossing Commerce Park; and design funds for the I-70 Downtown Viaduct Replacement. Council Member Nave moved, Council Member Haynes seconding, that the 2006 Federal Funding Priorities be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Update on DBE Programming.** Curtis Pitts, Tri-Chair of the DBE Advisory Council, advised that the Council had had an opportunity to visit with several different groups involved in DBE activities. Everyone agrees there is a common goal, however there needs to be better organization, and increased communication. Topeka's DBE programs are more advanced than other communities. Changes to the program have been recommended by the DBE Council to GO Topeka which it is hoped will provide positive results. Pitts thanked GO Topeka staff for meeting with local organizations to further the program.

Council Member Jeff Preisner asked for clarification of the DBE mission. Brian Turner responded that it the intent to assist minority and women-owned businesses. Preisner questioned grants made to the Black Expo and Mana de Topeka. Both Curtis Pitts and Doug Kinsinger explained that these grants were to assist in stimulating growth at the grass roots level and to recruit small and minority business to the community. The job fairs allow us to showcase the community.

**2. Wanamaker Road Extension.** Neil Dobler, City of Topeka, explained the extension and transition of roadway from 39<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> Street. Dobler explained that if the 37<sup>th</sup> to 39<sup>th</sup> Street portion is not build a later cost of providing the transition from 39<sup>th</sup> Street North would be approximately \$150,000. The original street project was passed by the City Council in September 2003, which included city and federal funding. Bids for the project came in approximately \$92,000 over budget. It will be re-bid in December. Not doing the transition and street at one time will disrupt the traffic in the area twice. The board questioned the use of benefit districts in the area. Council Member Haynes moved, Council Member Nave seconding, that \$150,000 be authorized from the sales tax money to fund the project. The motion failed 3 to 2.

Council Member Jeff Preisner thanked the board for their support of the SCCA Run-off races scheduled for Heartland Park Topeka in October 2006.

The meeting adjourned.