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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Thursday 10:00 am  
June 19, 2008

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in special session. The following members being a quorum, were present and acting; Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Jones, Alderman Bell, and Alderman Vaught. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell and Deputy City Attorney Kurt Meredith.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Minutes:** None
4. **Recognition of Guests:** None
5. **Public Hearings:** None
6. **Report of Standing Committees:**

*A. Community Development Committee (Planning, Zoning, Permits, Community Development, Historic District, Streets, & Conway Housing Authority)*

Mayor Townsell explained that today's meeting is to put together and approve an incentive package for Project Sigma; a new company coming to Conway which will be announced this afternoon. Among the items to be considered today is the appropriation of funds for the infrastructure within and adjacent to the Meadows Technology Park in order to connect the park to the cities street grid. We are also accepting a donation of approximately 13 acres of land from Conway Development Corp. (CDC) which will be part of the site plan development improvement package.

1. **Ordinance appropriating funds for improvements to infrastructure within and adjacent to the Meadows Technology Park.**

O-08-75

Mayor Townsell explained there are three (3) street improvements that are needed to get access to Meadows Technology Park and bring them up to city standards. Funding will be provided first through the remaining proceeds of the Franchise Fee Revenue Improvement Bonds, Series 2006B and then through the dedicated sales tax quarter cent Street pay as you go revenue. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell,

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Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

**2. Ordinance accepting a donation of land from the CDC.**

**O-08-76**

Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Mayor Townsell explained we will take ownership of this land and make improvements for the company and in essence lease it back to Conway Development Corporation (CDC) who will then lease it to the new company. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

**3. Ordinance appropriating funding for improvements to the Meadows Technology Park.**

**O-08-77**

Mayor Townsell stated this ordinance set aside and appropriate approximately \$2,200,000.00 to improve the Meadows Technology Park site; a portion of these funds will come from the Economic Development Fund and the remainder will be financed. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Bell motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

**4. Ordinance waiving bids for the City of Conway to utilize sole source vendors to landscape the Meadows Corporate Center.**

**O-08-78**

Mayor Townsell stated Outer Limits Landscaping Inc. and Legacy Fencing have been chosen to complete the landscaping at The Meadows Corporate Center and is recommending waiving the bid process in order for this work be completed as soon as possible. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderman Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The

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clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

**7. Old Business**

**8. New Business**

**PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008**

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor Tab Townsell**

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**City Clerk Michael O. Garrett**