

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF ETOWAH

CITY OF RAINBOW CITY, ALABAMA – COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD – JANUARY 14, 2020

The Commercial Development Board of the City of Rainbow City, Alabama met in a regular session at 4:30 p.m. The following people were present:

Present:

Jeff Boyd, Chairman
Dudley Parker
Bob Klein
James Ford
Larry Keenum, Council Member

Absent:

Elizabeth Barnett
Braydon Hawk

Also Present:

Dana Rice, Attorney
Joel Garmon, Director of Planning
Heather Hill, Building Dept.

1. Jeff Boyd, Chairman declared a quorum of the Commercial Development Board was present. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted.
2. Jeff Boyd gave a 4th quarter (December & January) update on Retail Strategies regarding the old Fred's Building, Bojangles vacant building, green space at Publix, and the intersection of Hwy. 77/Steele Station Road. Retail Strategies is still working diligently to fill those empty spaces. Discussion regarding traffic on Hwy. 411 in front of the new Dollar General which has been reported to open on February 1, 2020 and how ALDOT was planning to manage traffic in peak times of the day. The Board was informed about the ALDOT meeting for Maintenance Resurfacing & Access Management of Hwy. 411 on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at the Rainbow City Community Center from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. The Board discussed long range goals of the Board to help Rainbow City move forward. An addition 1¢ sales tax was discussed. An update was given about the new road connecting Kinzie and Lindsey Streets, the new water pipe engineered to the new complex and the land that the City owns in close proximity to the new complex. Beth Lee will bring information about this land to the next meeting for the Board to review. An update was given about the construction on Steele Station Road. Larry Keenum reported that the Rainbow City Council voted to continue the contract with Retail Strategies at \$45,000.00/yr. and that the Council voted to have a budget line item of \$10,000.00 for the Commercial Development Board and Mayor to use at their discretion.
3. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.
4. There being no further business to be discussed, James Ford made a motion to adjourn. Dudley Parker seconded the motion. Time: 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lee
Recording Secretary,
Commercial/Industrial Development Board