NOTICE OF MEETING

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ABILENE

TO BE HELD ON APRIL 8, 1983 at 12:30 PM

ABILENE CITY HALL, IN THE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM OF

- o Discuss Abilene Industrial Committe Campaign
- Calling a Run Off Election to be held May 3, 1983, and appoint judges and select polling places. 0

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE BASEMENT COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL

SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 8, 1983

The City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, met in a special session on Friday, April 8, 1983 at 12:30 p.m., in the City Basement Conference Room of City Hall. Mayor Elbert E. Hall was present and presiding with Councilman A. E. Fogle, Jr., Councilwoman Billye Proctor, Councilman Juan C. Rodriquez, and Councilwoman Kathy Webster. Absent were Councilman Julian Bridges and L. D. Hilton. City Manager, Ed Seegmiller, and Assistant City Secretary Kelly Beard were also present.

Councilman A. E. Fogle, Jr., lead the invocation.

Mayor Hall, announced the purpose of this meeting is to hear the plans of the Chamber of Commerce and the Industrial Foundation for developing an Industrial Park in Abilene. Once the Chamber along the the Industrial Foundation have presented their ideas and plans for this project the Council will be open to ask any questions concerning this project.

Mayor Hall introduced the members of the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation. Present at this time are Lee Moore, President of the Chamber, Andy Anderson, 1st Vice-President of the Industrial Foundation Board, Dick Bowen, President elect of the Chamber to present their plans for the project being presented.

Mr. Moore, stated the plans that will be presented to the Council came about as a result of concerns of the economic and growth of Abilene. Mr. Moore explained that alot of time and work has been put in by the Chamber's Industrial Foundation, local business leaders and other people of the community to arrive at the plans for developing the Industrial Park which they feel will help stabilize the economy of the City. In the past Abilene has been related to the oil and agriculture industry. During these times the community has seen the good and bad times and the Chamber feels that it is time to find some stability for the City, so that it can grow and prosper over the ensuing years. Last summer, a group of the Industrial Board gathered and met the man responsible for assisting Waco, Texas in their success in developing the Industrial Park in that city--Mr. Wade Terrell. Mr. Terrell shared with the Council steps taken by the Chamber of Waco to acquire 2,000 acres to begin an industrial park in 1958. To this date, some 30 industries are located in the park. Funds to acquire land for the citizens of the community were raised with assistance of the Chamber and other government agencies which led to the development of the park. The Chamber of Abilene feels that an industrial park within the City is very much needed. Steps were then taken to begin plans for development for a industrial park. First was to find land to plat and restrict for the park. This new park the Chamber feels will attract 1,000 new jobs by 1986. To implement this plan, Mr. Terrell was visited and talked to about these plans concerning the park and his input for locating the best site for this project was sought. Numerous properties were viewed and found what the Chamber along with Mr. Terrell felt was the best site for this development -- the reason being its proximity to Abilene, the interstate, railroad, price and the fact being that it is within the City's limits. Steps to acquire this land located between the railroad and interstate 20, consisting of 659 acres were made. In order to accomplish this goal, much work, money and effort and involvement of the coummunity including the County, school system and all the business people will be needed. At this time, donations are being made to produce \$1 million to fund this plan for the next three years. As of this time, the sum of \$740,000 (approximately) has been raised through pledges over a three year period.

Mr. Moore shared with the Council the reaction of developers and industrial acreage owners concerning this project. He stated that the response has been very supportive. He feels that the donations within the last 30 days expresses the community's attitude toward the project. An important part of the project is the fact that in the past, the Industrial Foundation has been able to raise the money to accomplish industrial plans, but the plan being discussed will result in a self sustaining, self-funding foundation that would not have to be funded by donation in the future. Evidence to reflect this plan would be the fact that Waco's Industrial Park accquired

an additional 1,000 acres to their park and a good protion of the sale price of \$3 million was paid in cash out of the Foundation's cash funds. Mr. Moore feels that it is important to note that this plan of action is one that will lead to economic growth, stability, but also be a sustaining on-going venture for the future of Abilene.

Mr. Moore has visited with representives of the County, Independent School District, and their concern is due to the fact that the property being considered for this project is within the City limits, and upon completion, the industrial park will increase the tax base of the community which is of great importance to these people. Their response has been to support the Chamber with the project.

Mr. Anderson, presented his views concerning the need of this project. During the past forty years, Abilene has had several economic problems. Industrial Foundation has during this time used the concept of seeking industrial prospects, having them come to Abilene, find locations, let the foundation buy the location by barrowing money from the local lending institutions at a reduced interest rate. The building would be built and leased to these industries for 15 years, and then deed it to them at the end of 15 years for \$1. This concept has worked -- an exmple is the General Dynamics building which has been deeded free and clear of debt to them. Taking into consideration the past two years, this concept has not worked and no major industry has come to Abilene other than TI who came voluntarily with no consequence to the Industrial Foundation. At that time, the foundation looked to see what other cities were doing to find a new course to take in eliminating the economic problem. The concept that Mr. Moore has presented is the course to take even though it is a huge undertaking and in order for it to work, it will involve most of the public and private segment. The Industrial Foundation, along with the Chamber of Commerce, are here at this time to ask for the Council'shelp in joining the businesses of town in making this concept work for the benefit of Abilene.

Mr. Bowen, added that the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce is to help the economic development of the community. The Chamber wants to see a solid established, tax base for the community. There are a lot of industrial development sites, but unless an Industrial Park is developed, industries will not come to the City, and chances are that they will in turn go elsewhere. The Chamber is not only concerned in bringing industry to the park but to the community as a whole. Mr. Bowen, explained that the original maping of the site choosen was cut down because the cost would be too much even for the \$1 million budget plan. Mr. Terrell explained to the Chamber and the Industrial Board that the site chosen was sufficient to build a good Industrial development. Mr. Bowen stressed that in order for major industries to come to Abilene, the Industrial Park is necessary and will create great economical growth for Abilene.

 $\mbox{Mr.}$ Terrell then presented to the Council the procedures in developing the Industrial Park.

Mayor Hall asked Mr. Bowen what exactly the Chamber is going to ask of the Council. Mayor Hall stated that concern has been expressed by other land owners who have planned to use their land for such uses as mentioned. The Council had questions as to whether the City should involve itself in competing with its own citizens. Mayor Hall related to the Chamber questions on how much of the Chambers interest, programming and money will be devoted to the park and therefore, reduce the interest and support given to exsiting industries and continue to help small industries expand. The Council is interested in plans of the Chamber for assisting the existing industries in Abilene.

Mr. Bowen at this time explained to the Council that the Chamber wants to help the businesses that are in existence—in our community if they wish to expand. Mr. Bowen expressed that for reasons not mentioned, local businesses did not wish to expand until there is an industrial park. Mr. Moore explained that when businesses did expand, the Chamber has always helped and are open to help businesses at any time for expansion. The industrial park will generate much interest from out of town businesses when they realize the success of the industrial park. Mr. Bowen stated that Mr. Terrell advised that the first thing to do is to put in a 40,000 square foot building in the industrial park to give incentive to businesses—to let them know that growth is taking place.

Mayor Hall asked if there is competition for the labor force. Mr. Bowen stated that there should be none. Mr. Moore, commented that he has met with a group of industrial owners. He said there was one individual at the meeting who said that he was not for the industrial park because there was such a large turnover in employees and labor force in Abilene. The Chamber responded that they did not want a General Motors assembly plant in Abilene. They felt that Abilene is strategically located for distribution centers which are generally low labor force type industries. A general manager for a large industry said he would like to see an industrial park in Abilene, but he also has a hard time keeping employees and finding skilled labor for his own industry. He stated that he hoped to see in the next three years a substantial increase of business in his plant. Mr. Moore said one of the reasons for area industries' approval of the project was because it will increase the City's industrial base which will attract people from other cities to come to Abilene and compete for jobs. A small industrial base is not as attractive for some workers to move especially to a City that has only industries dependent upon governmental contracts, etc., that may not longer be stable.

Mayor Hall asked that if the industrial park creates much better quality with lower prices, will the Council in any way be giving the Chamber a monopoly on industrial sites to the disadvantage of other businesses.

Mr. Bowen explained that the Industrial Foundation's reason for appealing to the Council was for an endorsement of the concept, not a dollar figure.

Mr. Terrell expressed to the Council that the development of the industrial park in Waco was not the planning of any one person, but the involvement of the whole community. The park in Waco was started with 2,000 acres and one road, which was a combination of city and county. Then, Waco built down the center of the park to provide access. Eventually water and sewer lines were laid. Approximately 150 tracts at 2 acres per tract were sold to industries in the Waco industrial park. Mr. Terrell said an industrial park is not like a housing development when a developer can limit the size of the lots. A developer of an industrial park has no idea what an industrial plant will want when it expands. The only thing a developer can negotiate is the size of the tract—after that, the rest of the building will be set by the industry's needs. The City will have to be prepared to meet the concept of what the industries' need are. The City cannot install or built everything in advance.

The reasoning behind the concept of an industrial park is that industrial people want to know that the City will have a commitment to them and that when they are ready, the City will be ready to provide the utilities. Mr. Terrell said deed restrictions do not necessarily apply, however, industries may be confronted with restrictions at a later time. One advantage to an industry building in an industrial park is that the industry will know how much the property will cost and the industry will know that it will be the same price for every industry that builds. Mr. Terrell also stressed to the City that it will have to be competitive with other cities. He said the City will have to be able to promote and advertise. (Part of the budget that has been presented includes the promotion and advertisement.) It will be the duty of the promotor to see that each industrial prospect has an opportunity to take a look at each industrial park in the City. Mr. Terrell also stressed that the Chamber of Commerce is not committed to an industrial park, but to the City and its citizens.

Mr. Terrell mentioned that a few realtors have expressed a concern that anindustrial park would be in direct competition with them. Mr. Terrell said he told them that any realtor who wanted to bring an industry to the industrial park could do so and receive the normal commission.

Mr. Terrell mentioned that Fulwiler Road will need to be developed for traffic to connect between Highway 80 and Interstate 20. A main street will also need to be developed. He said fortunately, there is water through the park site, although sewer lines will need to be expanded.

Councilwoman Webster asked if the City will be expected to construct all of the streets, sewer lines, water lines, etc. Mr. Moore explained that it would depend if initially those improvements were brought up to County specifications without curb and gutter. He said the improvements would involve the City, County and the Industrial Foundation.

Councilwoman Webster asked if, for example, three industries came to Abilene, chose a tract for their plants and opened for business, would the City be expected to construct a street going by those industries. Mr. Moore said that yes, the City would be responsible for constructing that street or at least a part of it.

Mayor Hall asked if the industrial park would need a sewer line immediately. Mr. Moore stated that Fulwiler Road will need improvements and a sewer extension must be made immediately.

Councilwoman Proctor asked in dollar figures how the City would have to participate. Also, she asked what incentives would the Industrial Foundation would give to an existing industry. Mr. Terrell responded that there has been no discussion on incentives. In the past, there have been a few interest free loans available, but at the present time, Texas Industrial Revenue Bonds are available and that in itself was an incentive. Mr. Terrell said Abilene is an area already with competitive prices. He said the wave of the future of Abilene was to attract good, solid, and stable industries. Industries will not be looking for "good deals"—they will be looking at the City itself, the labor force, and the facilities in the City for their employees.

Councilwoman Proctor asked if the Industrial Foundation planned to stabilize the price of the land. Mr. Moore said the land prices would be stablized through the park, but, like most everything else, the price will increase through the years.

Mr. Harold Nixon asked what kind of services will the private industrial developer have to pay to receive services in the area. Mr. Moore said the developer will pay to have all of the services installed in the area. Councilman Nixon said it has been brought to his attention that there are some who believe that developers do not have to pay for services in the proposed industrial park area. He asked if that might cause friction between the industrial developers and developers of housing projects, etc. Mr. Moore said he is a developer and he does not know of any developers who must pay for the installation of services. However, he said if an individual developes an industrial site, he will have to pay the utilities and services of that property also. Mr. Moore continued by saying that the park will be owned by a foundation of the City and Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is proposing that the developers not have to pay for all of the services and utilities installed, since they will be developing essentially for a nonprofit entity. Councilman Nixon asked if other developers would feel that it might be unfair competition. Mr. Moore responded by saying that there are mixed feelings in the development community about it.

Councilman Rodriguez stated that many industries interested in Abilene are concerned about how much labor is available. He asked if Abilene has the qualified labor to meet the needs of the larger industries. Also, he asked if Abilene would be able to handle the extra housing and educational needs of the labor force.

Mr. Bowen said Abilene was in good shape to fulfill the large industries' needs. He felt that once a stable industrial area is developed, people will move to Abilene to help fill the labor market. Local people will also be trained to fill the needs.

When asked if the City will be expected to run sewer lines to all of the industries that will be situated within the park, Mr. Terrell explained that the services are built into the cost to the industries. He affirmed Mayor Hall's statement that the City would be paid for the services. Waco installed basic lines initially, but after the property was sold, the cost of the services was included in the price of the tract bought.

Mr. Gerald Cook explained instead of pulling away from the City's labor force, it would actually attract more people into the City. It would actually generate 237 additional jobs in the community. There are ups and downs in the labor market depending on the rate of growth, not particularly whether new manufacturing jobs are available. He said most families are two income families—there is the primary wage earner and the secondary wage earner. In other communities, such as Stephenville, two major industries moved in. One industry was Emerson Electric and the other was FMC Corporation. FMC hired mostly machinists, male, and Emerson hired mostly female workers. Both industries knew the other would be moving to Stephenville, so actually the two industries were not competing with each other in the labor market. The unemployment rate in Stephenville was 3 percent, even though it still feels that more people could be employed through the same concept.

Councilwoman Proctor pointed out that there are several industrial parks in Abilene, yet there are very few businesses in them. She asked why the Chamber felt Abilene needed another industrial park. Mr. Moore explained that the industrial park would not be comparable to anything that Abilene has at the time. The industrial park would be available to the railroad and the interstate and would be restricted to accommodate a number of industrial prospects. Not every individual can afford the marketing and promotional cost of going around the nation promoting industries to locate in his park.

Mr. Bowen explained that there will be times when an industry will look over Abilene, but will decide not to be a part of the industrial park, yet build in one of the other parks in the City. The Chamber would like that to happen also. Mr. Cook explained also that a difference in the industrial park and other parks in the City may be in the sale of acreage versus the sale of lots.

Councilwoman Proctor asked Mr. Lee Roy George how having an industrial park would affect the planning and zoning future in Abilene. Mr. George said the proposed industrial park has already been zoned industrial. He said unfortunately, there is not enough large acreage tracts available in other areas of the City. Therefore, he felt that the industrial park would not have an impact on the local small acreage tracts.

Mr. George presented the Council with the industrial involvement in the past of the City. He said some street paving was done for the Timex facility when it expanded and consolidated. The City assisted in paving the streets and the water and sewer lines were extended to help facilitate industrial and economical development. He said two or three economic base reports have been completed dealing with the City's role in economic development. One of the reports tried to identify what the City did to shape the local economy. The Century II Task Force conducted a community survey which identified the community attitude about what it felt was the more important topics of the City. A list resulting from the Century II Task Force's survey of the nore important topics to the community are: high utility costs, high housing costs, rising health care costs, flooding, increased crime rate, liquor laws, insufficient industrial development in the community, and insufficient vocational technical programs.

Mr. George listed some of the non-cost items an industry considers when looking at a site in an industrial park: availability of power, climate, availability of water, capital availability in the community, buyer protection, police protection, schools and colleges, union activity, churches and religious facilities, recreation, housing, community attitude, local ordinances, labor laws, medical facilities and other items reflective of a community.

Mr. George said a few other studies have been completed recently with the Urban Land Institute and one of the things they recommend very highly is a fairly aggressive kind of industrial program in the community. He mentioned also, that a study has been done in regards to the downtown area. He explained that there is a direct relationship between basic and service kinds of jobs in a community.

Mr. Seegmiller said the concept presented by the Chamber in Abilene has been reviewed for parks in cities all over the nation. In order to establish this concept in Abilene, there needs to be an endorsement from the City. Mr. Seegmiller has spoken to other agencies (County and School District) and there is a great concern about the ability to expand their economic base. The School District is surrounded and is being stifled from growing in any direction. The School District will have to rely upon some kind of development within the present school limits for any additional increase in a tax base or the tax burden is going to be pushed even harder on those within that boundary.

Mr. Seegmiller went on to say that getting an endorsement from the City will not be a blanket endorsement. He recommended, for example, the extension of the sewer line not be extended to any one particular piece of personal property, but participate in extending the sewer line up to the property lines so the lines can be extended into different properties that will be sold in the park. Assistance in constructing the first street will be needed but at a later time. The major role that the Council must fill at the present time is the use of the planning and engineering Staff in the preliminary development of the industrial park. Major improvements that will need to be

made over the years can then be worked into a capital improvements program. He explained that the funding of the park will come from various sources and it will be up to the Council to determine how and if the City will participate. He understood that the only thing the Council would be called upon to assist with initially will be the extending of the sewer line to the property lines and as time goes on any improvements that the creek may need. One other item the Chamber may wish is the use of the Planning and Engineering Staff for preliminary designs. After the designs have been completed, the Council can be given the plans and specifications for its approval.

Councilman Fogle said he was concerned with the competition already existing with the industrial parks in the City. He said those parks were developed by private developers with their own funds, yet the Chamber wants to go into competition with them and receive subsidies from governmental agencies using tax dollars. He felt that the Chamber has a responsibility to address the community and communicate with the other developers to assure them that the Chamber is not competing with them or is going to take their business away from them. He felt that the overall concept is a good one and has been needed in Abilene for a long time. He felt that the people in Abilene will benefit from the project and not any one person will receive benefit from the project. When the industrial park is developed it will bring in business, help create jobs for the people of Abilene and enlarge the tax base. He hopes the citizens keeps that in mind and realizes that the City is not in competition with private industries, but working for the community in building a tax base.

Councilwoman Webster said Mr. Moore was being very accurate when he stated that the value of the marketing ability the Chamber will be able to afford will not compare with the private individual. She also shared some of Councilman Fogle's concerns about the private enterprises. However, she stated she felt that there is no one developer with a large enough tract of property that could be used as an industrial park who would be able to afford the tremendous marketing and promotional fees it will take to bring industries to Abilene. She said she was glad that the proposed industrial park site is already in the City limits, since a few years ago the City agreed to extend a water and sewer line to Bandag with the promise that the company would not be annexed for several years.

Mr. Nixon asked if the property is part of the Little Elm Creek and if the park will change priorities on the Flood Management Program. Mr. Whitehead explained that only a part of the park would be developed first—then, as development occurred, the flooding situation could be analyzed nearer the floodway of Little Elm Creek. He said something would have to be done with an alternative of the Floodwater Management Program since part of the area is considered flood prone.

Mr. Bobbie Lee Wolfe commented that the citizens of Abilene will receive more revenue by having more property available for industries. Once industries locate in Abilene, the developers of smaller tracts of property will have a better chance of selling.

Councilwoman Proctor said she realized a lot of time and effort has been given in the project and she expressed appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to widen the tax base for the Abilene economy.

Councilman Rodriguez asked if the industrial park would encroach into the surrounding neighborhoods. He asked how close the park would actually come to the neighborhood to the East. Mr. Terrell said the park would only reach as far as the proposed property lines and it should have no detrimental affect on the neighborhood. Councilman Rodriguez also felt that the park is needed to secure a larger tax base for Abilene's economy.

Mayor Hall addressed the Chamber by asking if the Council was being asked to become committed for a certain amount to assist in the development of the park. Mr. Bowen explained that there will be several things that will be subject to change as time goes on and basically, the Chamber is asking the City's help as they need it.

Mayor Hall questioned whether it would be proper for the Council to use public funds for an industrial park instead of obtaining contributions from other businesses. He explained that money prudently spent in an industrial park, he felt, is a proper way of spending taxpayers' money. The Council will have to make sure that all of the benefits will be carried out in the interest of the community.

Mr. Whitehead stated that something would have to be done with that alternative prior to their utilizing any additional property improvements will need to be made before developing begins in this area.

Run-off canidate Bobbie Lee Wolfe commented that he feels the citizens as well as the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation will get more monies by having more property available. Once industries come into the City to see the large track properties the small track will have more opportunities to show their property to more people.

Councilwoman, Billye Proctor stated that she has had some concerns about this project but she can see that alot of time and effort has been taken to study the development of this park. She expressed her appreciation of the Chambers concern in widing the tax base of Abilene economy which is very much needed.

Councilman, Carlos Rodriquez asked about the industrial park and its encroachment into neighborhood areas due to the fact that the park in Waco is around a developing neighborhood. What would be the extension or how close would get to this neighborhood development and if any what effect would it have on this area. Mr. Terrell stated that there would have no further encroachment into the area. Councilman, Rodriquez feels as the other members of the Council that in order for the economy of Abilene to continue to grow and become stable that this project is very much needed.

Mayor Hall addressed the Chamber by asking if the Council is being asked to become committed for a certain amout of dollars to assist in the development of the industrial park. Mr. Bowen explained that at this time the matter can be varied and that the Chamber just needed some idea on a amount. There will several things that will be suject to change as time goes on and basically the Chamber is asking the City's help as they need it. Mayor Hall addressed the Council concerning the Industrial Park and the good that will come about once the park is constructed. Mayor Hall asked the Council if it would be proper for public funds to be spent for this purpose instead of contributions or monies from other businesses. Mayor Hall, feels that money prudently spent in this direction is a proper way of spending tax payers money and make sure that all of the benefits be carried out in the interest of the community as discussed.

Councilwoman, Billye Proctor asked to Chamber that her understanding is that they want an endorsement of the concept as aposed to what the Council will actually will be doing to assist. Mayor Hall, responded by saying that this question was not made totally clear. Mayor Hall explained that if the Council did not intend to support as Mr. Seegmiller has described then the Council needs to express their approval of the project. Councilwoman, Billye Proctor feels that a cost evaluation needs to be presented to the Council of how much it will cost the City to participate in the starting of the water and sewer improvments and funds for capital improvements and all other phases concerning this development. And present these estimates to the Council and put this item on the old agenda and she so moves that figures be presented and put on the Council meeting agenda as old business. Councilman Fogle seconded the motion. Motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilwoman Proctor, Councilman, Rodriquez, Councilman Fogle, Councilwoman, Webster, Mayor Hall.

NAYS: None

Mr. Seegmiller stated that as far as the actual capital costs are concerned it would be better to do this after it is determined exactly what is expected and the plan was developed. Then through the capital improvements process get these totals. Councilwoman, Billye Proctor stated that the costs of planning and engineering. Ms. Proctor stated that what she was talking about was only the sewer and water lines being extended to the property lines which has nothing to do developing the inside of the park. Ms. Proctor is wanting to know the total up front costs to the City and maybe costs within the next five years so that the Council can have some type of commitment in question.

Councilwoman Proctor said she understood the Chamber to be asking for an endorsement from the Council of the concept as proposed. She asked that a cost evaluation be presented to the Council to show how much it will cost the City to participate in the initial plans of the project and the extension of the water and sewer line. She moved that the cost evaluation be presented at the next Council meeting to be listed under old business. Councilman Fogle seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

AYES: Councilwoman Proctor, Councilmen Rodriguez, Fogle, Councilwoman

Webster and Mayor Hall.

NAYS: None.

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Mr. Seegmiller stated that as far as the actual capital costs are concerned it would be better to compile the cost evaluation after it is determined exactly what is expected of the Council and the plan for the park is developed. Then, through the capital improvements process, totals can be prepared.

Councilwoman Proctor said the cost evaluations she had in mind were those for the water and sewer line, the cost of planning and engineering and the up front costs the City may have to spend within the next five years.

Mr. Bowen explained that the Chamber has been working very hard to raise the \$1 million to get the project off the ground. The concensus of the Industrial Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce has been to try to raise the \$1 million first, then prepare the designs of the development. Mr. Bowen explained that presently, the Chamber could not determine a set amount of dollars they will need from the City. For example, it has not been determined whether Fulwiler Road will need curb and gutter. There will be a large amount of difference in the cost of installing curb and gutter and not installing curb and gutter on the street. He said basically, the Chamber was asking for an endorsement from the Council that as the project gets off the ground, it will be willing to support the Chamber in its efforts.

After the discussion about the industrial park was over, Mayor Hall stated that the item on the agenda calling a run-off election to be held May 3 and appointing judges and selecting polling places was inadvertantly placed on the posted notice for the meeting. That item will be considered at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at $2:45\ p.m.$

Assistant City Secretary

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