

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Aldermen present: Lyle Ten Haken, Mike Kuhle, Scott Nelson, Mike Woll, Ron Wood (5:21 p.m.).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Brad Chapulis, Director of Community/Economic Development; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk.

Others present: Richard and Irina Fursman, Global Synergy Group, LLC (5:22 p.m.).

**FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING
APPROVED**

Council discussed the notification from the Federal Economic Development office, who was requesting additional information regarding the application for EDA funds for construction of the Southwest Regional Bioscience Training and Testing Center/Incubator. Per the notice, the City would need to provide an additional \$193,000 towards the project/application, primarily due to the unlikely WIRED grant hoped for previously. This would bring the City's contribution to the incubator and Training and Testing Center to \$603,000.

The motion was made by Alderman Woll, seconded by Alderman Kuhle and unanimously carried to approve the Federal Economic Development Administration grant modification to include supplemental in-kind support of the City of \$193,436.30.

Funds would come from the hospital sale dollars.

STRATEGIC PLANNING DESIGN DISCUSSION

Richard and Irina Fursman, Global Synergy Group, LLC, briefly reviewed the results of the citizen survey with Council. Mr. Fursman noted the City seemed to fall in line across the country, at or above average, regarding the questions that were basic and not tailored just to our community. Lack of participation by the minorities was the surprise of process. Services and amenities available in Worthington were rated as good. Mr. Fursman also reviewed the outcome of information obtained during the group forum and interviews with staff and Council.

The Fursmans also presented several scenarios as a design concept for the upcoming strategic planning session November 20 and 21, 2009, and discussed what each concept would accomplish. Based on a suggestion from Richard Fursman, Council agreed to invite staff to participate in Saturday's discussion in addition to the session on Friday.

Input provided by Council on the scenarios presented will be compiled and used as a design for the strategic planning session.

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ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wood, seconded by Alderman Woll and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Janice Oberloh
City Clerk