



**CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE
RESOLUTION**

MEETING DATE: 12/17/2024

PRESENTER: Lee Harriss, Special District Administrator, Finance

TITLE: Resolution appointing Mark Ford, Chair Elect of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, and Tony Ramirez, Economic Development Director, to the Boards of Directors for two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Zones (TIF District 1 and TIF District 3)

REVIEWING COMMITTEE:

SUMMARY:

Resolution appointing Mark Ford, Chair Elect of the Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, and Tony Ramirez, Economic Development Director, to the Boards of Directors for two Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Zones (TIF District 1 and TIF District 3)

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

Appoint TIF Board Members

HISTORY:

The “TIF Act” (Chapter 311 of the Tax Code) creates a Board of Directors to govern TIF Zones created by municipalities. Taxing entities (other than the City) contributing all or a portion of their tax increment are each allocated one seat on the Board of Directors. The City is given the power to appoint Directors representing the City in order to preserve a majority on the Board and the Chairpersons of the Boards of Directors. The Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce recommends that their 2025 Chair, Mark Ford, replace their former Chair, Sara Dedeluk, as their city representative for the TIF Board membership. In addition, Tony Ramirez, Economic Development Director, will replace Planning & Development Director Rashad Jackson for the remaining term.

The attached Resolution appoints Mark Ford and Tony Ramirez to represent the City on the Board of Directors for each of the City’s two (2) TIF zones. Mr. Ford and Mr. Ramirez will serve the remainders of two-year terms (Jan. 1, 2024-December 31, 2025). The City of Grand Prairie holds a majority of the seats on each Board (TIF 1: 5 of 6; TIF 3: 5 of 5).

Board Members are:

Councilmember Bessye Adams

Councilmember John Lopez

Councilmember Jorja Clemson

Planning & Development Director Rashad Jackson, March 5, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Director of Economic Development Tony Ramirez, January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Sara Dedeluk (Chamber of Commerce) January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024
Mark Ford (Chamber of Commerce) January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Appointees serve two-year terms (Jan. 1, 2024-December 31, 2025). The City of Grand Prairie holds a majority of the seats on each Board (TIF 1: 5 of 6; TIF 3: 5 of 5).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

There is no financial impact associated with approval of the attached resolution.

ATTACHMENTS / SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

N/A

BODY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, APPOINTING MARK FORD, GRAND PRAIRIE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND TONY RAMIREZ, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, TO REPRESENT THE CITY ON THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS FOR TWO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ZONES

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Prairie has designated two areas as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reinvestment Zones within the City of Grand Prairie; and

WHEREAS, these Tax Increment Financing Zones are governed by a Board of Directors comprised of appointees from the various taxing entities who contribute tax increments to the TIF zones; and

WHEREAS, the City is appointing two new board members; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City to nominate two appointees to each of the two Boards to serve the remainder of the January 1, 2024-December 31, 2025 terms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. To the Board of Directors of TIF District Number 1 (I-30 Entertainment District) the City Council makes two (2) appointments:

Mark Ford (Chamber of Commerce)
Tony Ramirez, Economic Development Director

SECTION 2. To the Board of Directors of TIF District Number 3 (Peninsula District) the City Council makes two (2) appointments:

Mark Ford (Chamber of Commerce)
Tony Ramirez, Economic Development Director

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall be in force immediately upon its passage in accordance with the Charter of the City of Grand Prairie and that it is accordingly so resolved.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2024.