

CITY OF ST. FRANCIS
ST. FRANCIS, MN
ANOKA COUNTY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2020 at 5:30pm
Virtually via Zoom

1. Call to order: EDA called to order at 5:33pm
By President Mike Rodger
2. Roll Call
Present: Mike Rodger, Joe Muehlbauer, Brenda Pavelich-Beck, MaraLynn Kubacki, Steve Feldman
Also Present: Community Development Director Kate Thunstrom
Absent:
3. Approve Minutes of August 3, 2020
Motion: Pavelich-Beck
Second: Muehlbauer
Motion Carried: 5-0
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion : Muehlbauer
Second : Kubacki
Motion Carried: 5-0
5. New Business
 - a. Acquisition of Real Property
Thunstrom reviewed packet and attachments. EDA to consider acquisition of four properties along Bridge Street and Ambassador Blvd. Property use will be to continue redevelopment efforts with the possibility of the property being used for a Civic Campus. To acquire the properties, Council is supplementing the EDA balance as it is not enough to acquire and remove all structures.

Concerns about the depletion of the EDA funds was discussed. County EDA funds are currently at a level under \$100k and are not allowed on projects involving relocation according to County HRA Director. Staff recommended leaving those funds for another project as this project can be handled by City and EDA funds.

Discussed purchase price and cost estimates on how the budget was made. Group felt it was a good opportunity to obtain all four parcels in a row. It allowed the redevelopment efforts to continue and provided enough land to make a difference.

Motion to acquire all four properties on Bridge Street and Ambassador as identified in the packet, by Feldman, Second by Pavelich-Beck – Motion passed 5-0

Motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 Approving the Purchase of Property and Granting Signatory Authority, by Pavelich-Beck, Second by Kubacki – Motion passed 5-0

b. CARES Act Grant Applications

Thunstrom reviewed packet including timeline in which was followed to request and receive grant applications from small businesses for the Small Business Relief Grant. Six businesses applied for funding, as of this meeting there were three that the EDA was ready to provide grants to.

Motion to approve grants to Amazing Grace Recovery Center, Destination Academy and Beef O' Brady's, by Kubacki, second by Feldman – Motion passed 5-0

c. Schedule EDA meeting to discuss additional CARES Act Grants

Thunstrom identified need for a second meeting to discuss grant application for approval of final three applications submitted.

Group chose September 28th at 5:30 pm and meeting will be held virtually through Zoom.

6. Other Reports: Updates on projects in various states of progress.

Feldman updated group on Casa Rio food truck at the Bottle Shop on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Roger and group thanked Pavelich-Beck in assisting staff review Grant applications and provide expertise in the matter.

7. Motion to Adjourn@ 6:06 by Feldman

Second: Muehlbauer

5-0 motion Passed

Submitted by,

Kate Thunstrom, EDA Director

APPROVED, without change: 09-28-2020