



Community Development Authority Meeting-Amended Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Determination of Quorum

A quorum of members included Decker, Hackman, Lawson, and Meyers. Staff liaisons Kornmann and Bennett along with City Attorney Johnson were present.

Notice of Open Meeting

Kornmann confirmed the meeting was properly noticed.

Approval of Agenda

Lawson motioned to approve the agenda. Decker seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes

Hackman motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as presented. Lawson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

2. Eminent Domain Presentation by City Attorney Paul Johnson

City Attorney Johnson gave a presentation about eminent domain that highlighted the general procedure. Johnson noted that it is preferred to engage in voluntary negotiation with a property owner as it's easier and less costly. The CDA discussed possible staffing and working with property owners if the City ever decided to utilize eminent domain. No action was taken as the presentation was for information only.

3. Consider and take action regarding memorandum of understanding between CDA and Tom Mietzel

Kornmann presented a signed agreement on behalf of Mietzel. The CDA addressed typos, addressed concerns, and clarified language in the document. Decker made a motion to approve the memorandum of understanding with changes to items #5, 7 and 9. Lawson Seconded. After discussing how the changes could potentially impact the donation, Decker withdrew the motion and Lawson withdrew the second. Decker motioned to send the memorandum of understanding to Mietzel to see if he agrees to the changes made to items #5, 7, and 9. Lawson seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Convene to Closed Session per § 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically to discuss 103 N. Ludington.

Lawson motioned to convene to closed session. Decker seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Reconvene from closed session

Lawson motioned to reconvene from closed session. Hackman seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Consider and take action on items from closed session

Lawson motioned to direct staff to proceed as discussed in closed session. Decker seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

New Business

7. Presentation - roles and opportunities of community development authorities

The CDA and staff deferred this topic to a future meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Items for future agendas included looking into economic development marketing products and getting references.

Adjourn

Decker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lawson seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16pm.

** These minutes will be approved at a future meeting and may be amended. These minutes are respectfully submitted by David Bennett, Communications and Economic Development Coordinator **