



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 23, 2023
4:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority will be held in the City Council Chambers in the Grand Rapids City Hall, 420 North Pokegama Avenue, in Grand Rapids, Minnesota on Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik
Commissioner Mike Korte
President Sholom Blake
Commissioner Tasha Connelly
Commissioner Wayne Bruns
Commissioner Tom Sutherland

SETTING OF THE REGULAR AGENDA - *This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented, or to add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Commissioners present .*

Approved without addition.

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the March 9, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, Blake, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$2,434.99

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Sutherland to approve claims in the amount of \$2,434.99. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Korte, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider the election of GREDA Officers

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Blake to nominate Commissioner Connelly as Secretary/Treasurer. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, Blake, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Korte to nominate Commissioner Hodnik as Vice President. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Korte, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to nominate Commissioner Blake as President. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, Blake, Korte, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

4. Review and consider forwarding to the City Council the GREDA 2022 Annual Report

Community Development Director Mattei reviewed the GREDA 2022 Annual Report with the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Korte to forward the GREDA 2022 Annual Report to the City Council. Sutherland, Korte, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

UPDATES

5. Yanmar Compact Equipment North America Expansion

The City approved \$234,000 in tax abatement and the County approved \$196,600.

6. Forest Lake Addition

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the preliminary plat on April 6th and forward to the City Council review at their April 10th meeting. The HRA is looking at purchasing 8 lots once the platting process is complete GREDA will need to enter into a purchase and development agreement with them.

7. Ongoing efforts in housing and childcare

Oppidan is planning a development which would provide 132 units of workforce housing. There is also interest in 76 units of housing on the Blk 20/21 site.

Kootasca will be doing a renovation at the old Murphy School and moving their childcare from the IRC building. This will allow them to have an additional 10 spaces for a total of 231. The YMCA is looking to expand their childcare into the Kootasca site at the IRC building.

Commissioner Hodnik provided an update on the UWS transportation study. Unfortunately they were unable to secure the funding they were planning on using for this study. They are still interested in moving forward with the study but need to find alternative funding sources for the project.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Tom Sutherland - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Tasha Connelly - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Cory Jackson - 3/1/23

Mike Korte - 3/1/24

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27