

CITY OF WATERTOWN MEETING NOTICE

TO: Daily Times, Alderpersons, Department Heads and Public

DATE: June 21, 2023

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

5:30 PM IN-PERSON/VIRTUAL MEETING

Lower Level Room 0041, City Hall 106 Jones Street

By Phone or GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/471703029>

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1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order: In Attendance: Becker, Salas, Bartz, Wagner, Lampe (virtual, then in-person), Zastrow. Excused absences: Zimmermann, Kuenzi. Meeting called order at 5:30 PM.
4. Approval of prior meeting minutes – May 17, 2023: Bartz motioned to approved, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried.
5. Opening for public comment: No public comments were received.
6. Status Reports:
 - a. Community Support/Communication – Mueller
 1. Social media and web analytics update: Jeanne Mueller submitted report included in agenda packet. Brief discussion followed, including discussion of highlight videos planned with White Oak and Main Street Café, who had both utilized the RDA Revolving Loan Fund.
 - b. Common Council Update – Bartz/Lampe: Bartz gave update regarding appointment of Steven Board to the Common Council. Updates on some other City business, including Bielinski's continued neighborhood development. Lampe mentioned some of the difficulties he's heard about from developers regarding construction costs currently.
 - c. Executive Director Update
 1. Town Square Construction Update
 - a. Final Town Square Punchlist items: Community table was received today. Some concerns about condition, and lateness of the delivery. The kayak dock installation is underway and should be completed within the next few weeks. There was also discussion on the pending final approval of the Historic Art Wall by Barton Bentzin, the donor.
 - b. Transferred to City: The Bentzin Family Town Square was officially transferred to the City of Watertown on May 17, 2023. Becker noted that official documentation was received from Jefferson County.
 2. T. Wall Update: T. Wall informed the City that they plan to proceed with constructing parking for Riverhouse on the Rock as planned. Previously, they had inquired with the library and other nearby entities about a shared parking agreement.
 3. Revolving Loan Fund update
 - a. Application Update – Zastrow/Becker: The new Revolving Loan Fund application was released and publicly announced last week. Two businesses

have inquired. Further marketing is planned through social media and a press release.

4. Beltz Grant status update – Becker: The City Attorney recommended some revisions, which were incorporated into the grant application documents. Waiting for final approval from Dr. John Beltz, whose foundation is providing funding for the grant program.
5. Informational presentation – Becker: Becker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the human element in economic development. Some brief discussion followed.
7. Adjournment: Wagner motioned to adjourn at 6:10 PM, seconded by Zastrow. Motion carried.

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