



City of Moorhead Economic Development Authority

Meeting Minutes
December 07, 2020 at 11:45 AM
1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held in the 1st Floor, Council Chambers, Moorhead City Hall, on December 07, 2020, at 11:45 AM.

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Abdullahi Ali	Present
Board Member:	Nate Anderson	Absent
Board Member:	Michael Burns	Present
Board Member:	Chad Cota	Absent
Board Member:	Alexandre Cyusa	Present
2nd Ward Council Member:	Heidi Durand	Absent
Board Member:	Pat Kovash	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Joel Paulsen	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Larry Seljevold	Present
Developer:	Jeff Schaumann	Present
Board Member:	Roberta Solien	Present
3rd Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present

Call meeting to Order / Roll Call

Minutes: None

Agenda Amendments

Minutes: None

Approve Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Roberta Solien and seconded by Deb White

Motion to Approve 3. Approve Minutes

Motion Passed: For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 3

[October 5, 2020](#)

Citizens Addressing the Board

Minutes: None

Commissioners' Reports

Minutes: Pat Kovash and Sherri Larson, MBA, reported on new MBA members, MBA board of directors, Lifeshare Comment on MBA's Facebook page, and Frostival.

[2020 Final Legislative Report - Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director](#)

Minutes: Lisa Bode, Governmental Affairs Director, reported on the results of the 2020 Legislative Session. A bonding bill was approved in the fifth special session. Moorhead received \$7.5 million for the Clay County Solid Waste Transfer Station and \$62 million for the 11th Street Underpass construction. Moorhead is also expected to receive \$2.8 million for flood mitigation. The Community and Aquatics Center was not approved in the bonding bill. Disparity Reduction Program and Enterprise Zone Program remained in the state's 2020 budget. None of the local option sales tax proposals requested by local governments, including Moorhead, were approved. The Mayor and Council will discuss 2021 legislative priorities in a workshop December 7 and are anticipated to approve a legislative agenda on December 14, 2020.

Downtown Plan Presentation - Derrick LaPoint, DMI

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, reported that the Downtown Master Plan was presented to the City Council, DMI board, Arts and Culture Commission, EDA, and the Planning Commission members on December 4, 2020. The vision, goals, and key initiatives of the Master Plan as found in the packet materials.

Commissioners had a detailed discussion.

Motion to Approve made by Pat Kovash and seconded by Alexandre Cyusa

Motion to Approve 7. Downtown Plan Presentation - Derrick LaPoint, DMI

Motion Passed: For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

Moorhead CARES Small Business Relief Grant Update

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, reported more than \$1.8 million CARES Grant funds were distributed to 207 small businesses with less than 20 employees. City has worked with Clay County to do a second round for businesses with 20-50 employees.

Dan Mahli, Acting City Manager, reported that the City is looking to recommend a refund for license/permits for businesses affected by the shut downs during the budget presentation at the City Council meeting on December 14, 2020.

Recommend Final 2021 Budget and Levy - Dan Mahli, Acting City Manager

Minutes: Dan Mahli, Acting City Manager, provided a summary of the proposed 2021 EDA Budget and Tax Levy as found in packet materials. The final budget will be presented at the December 14, 2020 City Council meeting. The budget for 2021 did not change the tax rate or levy from 2020.

Commissioners had a detailed discussion.

Motion to Approve made by Pat Kovash and seconded by Jeff Schaumann

Motion to Approve 9. Recommend Final 2021 Budget and Levy - Dan Mahli, Acting City Manager

Motion Passed: For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 2

Economic Development Report

Minutes: Derrick LaPoint, DMI/Economic Development, provided a summary of economic development activities which occurred since the last meeting as found in packet materials, including the selling of City owned lots in the MCCARA Industrial Park. Recommending to the City Council to hire PRG to sell the lots.

Information / Update

[2021 Regular Meeting Schedule](#)

Minutes: Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator, clarified the dates of the upcoming 2021 meeting dates.

Building & Permit Valuation Report - Sign up for "Building and Housing" e-Notifications at:
<https://www.ci.moorhead.mn.us/about-the-city/news/sign-up-for-e-notification>

Adjourn

Minutes: Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20 pm.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Charley Johnson
Chair

Marsha Weber
Secretary

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Thorpe, Economic Development Program Administrator