



# GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 17, 2022  
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, November 17, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik  
Commissioner Cory Jackson  
President Sholom Blake  
Commissioner Tasha Connelly  
Commissioner Wayne Bruns

ABSENT

Commissioner Mike Korte  
Commissioner Rick Blake

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 .*

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Consider approval of minutes from the October 27, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Jackson to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$26,243.44

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve the claims in the amount of \$26,243.44. The following voted in favor thereof: Jackson, S. Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider adopting a resolution supporting the modification of the development program for Municipal Development District No. 1; the creation of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-14 Arbor Wood within Municipal Development District No. 1; and Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor.

Community Development Director Mattei provided a power point presentation with information regarding the scope of the project.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Hodnik to adopt a resolution supporting the modification of the development program for Municipal Development District No.1; the creation of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-14 Arbor Wood within Municipal Development District. No. 1; and Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, S. Blake, Jackson. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

4. 2023 GREDA Work Plan Discussion

The Commissioners provided the following work plan items:

- Continue to work with Voyager Capital on current and future developments
- Business assistance with relocation/renovation
- Begin implementation of downtown plan/ walkability
- Growth of regional healthcare hub/potential mergers
- ADA compliance assistance
- Development/Redevelopment of strategic commercial sites
- ASV/Yanmar expansion
- Assist with Boswell site redevelopment/2030-2035
- Worforce/Childcare/Housing shortage
- Huber
- Industrial space
- Future of Central Square Mall
- Lobby for key development rule changes
- Local design standards
- Hwy 2 expansion study/grass roots team
- Diversity of membership/meeting structure/representative from downtown/speakers
- Future of Central School
- Continue to market GREDA services
- EPA standards/wood pellet

Community Development Director will compile these and send out to the Commissioners to rank for the December 15th meeting.

## UPDATES

## ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

## MEMBERS & TERMS

Rick Blake - 12/31/2022 (with Council term)

Tasha Connelly - 12/31/2022 (with Council term)

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