



GRAND RAPIDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, August 10, 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, August 10, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

CALL OF ROLL

PRESENT

Commissioner Al Hodnik
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 the minutes from the July 27, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2023 regular meeting. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, Blake, Sutherland. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

APPROVE CLAIMS

2. Consider approval of claims in the amount of \$17,756.24

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve claims in the amount of \$17,756.24. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

3. Consider adopting a resolution approving a Preliminary Development Agreement with Oppidan, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Bruns, second by Commissioner Hodnik to adopt a resolution approving a Preliminary Development Agreement with Oppidan Inc. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider adopting a resolution approving the purchase of property in the City of Grand Rapids from the Moyer Family Trust.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Connelly to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of property from the Moyer Family Trust. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, Blake, Sutherland. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

5. Consider adopting a resolution approving the purchase of property in the City of Grand Rapids from Elise J. Karpan and approving payment of the earnest money.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Sutherland to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of property from Elise J Karpan and approve payment of earnest money. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, motion passed unanimously.

6. Consider adopting a resolution approving the purchase of property in the City of Grand Rapids from Mimar Development LLC and approving payment of the earnest money.

Motion by Commissioner Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Sutherland to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of property from Mimar Development LLC and approving payment of the earnest money. The following voted in favor thereof: Hodnik, Bruns, Connelly, Sutherland. Opposed: None, Blake abstained, motion passed.

7. Consider authorizing a grant request to the Blandin Foundation for Downtown Organization planning and establishment.

Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Bruns to authorize a grant request to the Blandin Foundation for downtown organization planning and establishment. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, Blake abstained, motion passed.

8. Review and consider recommendations for draft 2024 GREDA Operations Budget and levy for Capital Projects Fund

The Commissioners reviewed recommendations for the draft 2024 GREDA Operations Budget and levy for Capital Projects Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Hodnik, second by Commissioner Bruns to approve the draft 2024 GREDA Operations budget and levy request of \$100,000.00 for the Capital Projects Fund. The following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Blake, Connelly, Bruns, Hodnik. Opposed: None, passed unanimously.

UPDATES

Forest Lake Addition Plat- Due to a recording error the City had to reconvey the property to GREDA and vacate the plat.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

MEMBERS & TERMS

Tom Sutherland - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Tasha Connelly - 12/31/2023 Council Representative

Mike Korte - 3/1/24

Wayne Bruns - 3/1/25

Sholom Blake - 3/1/25

Al Hodnik - 3/1/27

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