

**HEDRA  
HASTINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and  
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**The Hastings Economic Development and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hastings City Hall.**

**HEDRA Commissioners Present:** Horsch, Anderson, Carter, Fox, Johnson, and Pemble

**HEDRA Commissioners Absent:** Goblirsch

**Staff Present:** Community Development Director John Hinzman  
Economic Development Coordinator Alex Menke

**I. Quorum**

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Horsch at 6:00 PM with six members present.

**II. Minutes**

President Horsch asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2023.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**III. Bills**

Hinzman summarized the bills and pointed out the payments for Stantec Consulting, Façade Improvement Grants, along with other billed items. President Horsch asked if there were questions regarding the bills.

Commissioner Carter motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Fox. Ayes 6; Nays 0. Motion approved.

**IV. Business**

**A. Election and Appointment of Officers**

Hinzman provided a summary of the three open officer positions along with City staff appointments.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve Johnson as the President, seconded by Commissioner Carter. Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve Anderson as Vice President, seconded by Commissioner Horsch.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve Carter as the Treasurer and the following appointments, seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

- Secretary – Menke
- Assistant Treasurer – Eitemiller
- Legal Counsel – Land and McDowell Poehler

Ayes 6; Nays 0. Motion approved.

Outgoing President Horsch handed the gavel to Vice President Johnson who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**B. Resolution #2024-01: Authorization of Banking Signatories**

Director Hinzman introduced the resolution designating the newly appointed Commissioners as Bank Signatories.

No Commission discussion.

Commissioner Horsch motioned to adopt Resolution #2024-01 Authorizing Banking Signatories, seconded by Commissioner Fox. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Motioned approved.

**C. Sale of Property – 601 31<sup>st</sup> Street E – Rio Gran Express LLC**

Menke introduced the request to review potential sale of property, hold a public hearing and approve resolution #2024-03 approving sale of property and authorize signature of the purchase agreement.

President Johnson opened the public hearing at: 6:10 p.m.

President Johnson closed the public hearing at: 6:10 p.m.

Commission discussion on the visual appeal of the building inspiration and anticipated growth of the business in the space. The applicant clarified there would not be a need or desire to expand in that space.

Commissioner Carter motioned to approve the Sale of Property at 601 31<sup>st</sup> Street E, seconded by Commissioner Fox. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Motioned approved.

**D. Resolution #2024-02: Approving Joint Powers Agreement between HEDRA and the Dakota County Community Development Agency for the Open To Business Program**

Hinzman introduced the request to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between HEDRA and Dakota County Community Development Agency for the Open to Business Program. This agreement provides business advisory

services and access to capital to entrepreneurs and small businesses in Dakota County. Hinzman indicated the agreement would cost HEDRA \$5,500 per program year for a full three-year budgetary impact of \$16,500. Hinzman confirmed HEDRA's contribution amount is unchanged from the last contract.

Commission discussion on the cost of the program and what is included in the program. Hinzman confirmed that business counseling part of the program is free and that it is well utilized. Commissioners asked if the counseling part of the program is easily accessible to individuals. Hinzman shared his knowledge of the standard practices of the representative of our region. Menke shared the program offers a number of representatives that individuals can work with to better meet their needs. Commission expressed appreciation for the resources available and staff members in this program and within the City.

Commissioner Pemble motioned to approve Resolution #2024-02 Approving Joint Powers Agreement with the Dakota County Community Development Agency, seconded by Commissioner Anderson. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Motioned approved.

## **V. Reports and Information**

### **A. Development Updates:**

Hinzman provided an update on current developments.

Commissioners expressed appreciation for the work City staff is doing with the current and upcoming projects throughout the City.

### **B. Conveyance of Industrial Park Property to HEDRA**

Hinzman provided an update on the request to convey seven industrial lots to HEDRA from the City for future private sale and development.

### **C. Community Development Annual Report**

Hinzman provided a summary of activities HEDRA contributed to.

## **VI. Adjourn**

- A.** Commissioner Horsch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Fox. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned.

*Next Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024*

Respectively Submitted: Emily King