

**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, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Hastings City Hall.

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

HEDRA Commissioners Absent: None

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 Johnson at 6:00 PM with seven members present.

II. Minutes

President Johnson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2024.

Commissioner Carter motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Minutes were approved as presented.

III. Bills

Hinzman summarized the bills and pointed out the payments for a façade improvement grant, electrical bills, and other legal bills. President Johnson asked if there were questions regarding the bills.

Commissioner Horsch motioned to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Goblirsch. Ayes 7; Nays 0. Motion approved.

IV. Business

A. Industrial Park Shovel Ready Site Update – Evoke Partners

Hinzman provided an introduction for Ra'eesa Motala of Evoke Partners. Motala provided a summary of market conditions and opportunities for the 50-acre shovel ready site.

Commissioners discussed the desire for job growth for new development.

Commission discussion on the potential job growth and water consumption and discharge for a hydroponic food production facility. Commissioners discuss the potential to pursue different uses throughout different buildings on the site. Motala indicated the goal is to keep various options available through their marketing concepts.

B. Authorize Signature – License – CPKC Railroad – Land North of Artspace

Hinzman indicated the item has been pulled from the agenda, stating CPKC is no longer seeking use of the land.

V. Reports and Information

A. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update – Land North of Artspace

Hinzman provided a summary of the Wastewater Treatment Plan relocation and the need to place a lift station and associated infrastructure near the existing plant location.

Commissioners discussed the height of structures at the new site. Hinzman shared the purpose of the fence is to shield the structures and does not believe structures will extend beyond the height of the fence. Commissioners discussed if this new station would be permanent and asked about liability concerns. Hinzman indicated there would be a lease agreement for the site and liability would be included in that agreement. Commissioners discussed notifying Downtown Businesses of any potential impacts. Commissioners also discussed the impact of the placement north of Artspace on the developable area and the appearance of the lift station along the riverfront. Hinzman indicated he will share comments with the Public Works Department.

B. Development Updates:

Hinzman provided an update on current developments.

Commissioners posed questions on announcing the national retailer for the SW Corner of South Frontage Road and Pleasant Drive. Hinzman shared announcements would come later this year. Commissioners asked questions on the Hastings Dairy Store clean up. Hinzman provided an update on the clean up process.

VI. Adjourn

A. Commissioner Pemble made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m.,

seconded by Commissioner Horsch. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024

Respectively Submitted: Emily King