

HEDRA
HASTINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Hastings City Council Chambers
Minutes of August 9, 2018, 6:30 PM Regular Meeting

HEDRA Commissioners Present: Denning, Sullivan, Toppin, Peine, and Vaughan
HEDRA Commissioners Absent: Sinclair and Balsanek
Staff Present: Community Development Director John Hinzman

I. Quorum

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Denning at 6:30 PM with five members present.

II. Minutes

Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 12, 2018 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Toppin. Motion approved 5-0.

III. Bills

Hinzman summarized the bills.

Commissioner Sullivan motioned to approve as presented, seconded by Commissioner Peine. Motion approved 5-0.

IV. Business

A. Authorize Signature: 2nd Amendment to Purchase and Development Agreement – Great River Landing

Hinzman provided a summary of the request. The agreement extend the date by which Confluence Development must submit construction plans to the City from August 1, 2018 to December 1, 2018. The substantial completion date of December 15, 2019 remains in place.

Commissioner Toppin asked for further clarification on the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) review.

Patrick Regan of Confluence Development provided an update of remaining items for SHPO review and their expectations to meet the revised December 1st construction plan submittal.

Commissioner Toppin motioned to authorize signature as presented, seconded by Commissioner Sullivan. Motion approved 5-0.

B. HEDRA Strategic Plan

Hinzman provided a summary of proposed changes to the existing plan based on discussion at the June workshop meeting.

Commissioner Sullivan asked about any obstacles faced by businesses privately or by the City. Hinzman stated the City is working with the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce to clarify and issues for future discussion.

Commissioner Vaughan stated further clarity on any City obstacles for businesses would be helpful. He also asked if the size of commercial lots was problematic. Hinzman stated there is a wide variety of lots available.

Commissioner Toppin stated it is helpful for businesses to have good organization of a business plan and have individuals involved who can point out potential obstacles.

Commissioner Vaughan motioned to approve the HEDRA Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Commissioner Peine. Motion approved 5-0.

V. Reports and Information

A. Hudson Development

Hinzman stated plans for the parking garage were approved by City Council on August 6th. Confluence intends on starting construction by October with completion by the end of 2018.

B. Economic Development Coordinator

Hinzman stated the position has been re-posted with applications due August 27th.

C. 2019 HEDRA Budget

Hinzman presented a summary of requested 2019 budget items.

D. Commercial Vacancy

Hinzman stated there has been no changes in Commercial Vacancy, with little vacancy within downtown.

E. Development

Hinzman stated plans for two housing developments (Wallin 18th and South Pines 9) have been submitted for approval as well as a 60 unit apartment building.

VI. Adjourn

Commissioner Sullivan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm, seconded by Commissioner Toppin. Motion approved 5-0.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2018

Respectively Submitted

John Hinzman