

**Hastings, Minnesota  
City Council Workshop  
December 20, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Hastings, Minnesota met in a workshop on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Hastings City Hall, 101 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Hastings, Minnesota.

**Members Present:** Mayor Fasbender, Councilmembers Braucks, Folch, Leifeld, Lund, Vaughan

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Fox

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Dan Wietecha  
Assistant City Administrator Kelly Murtaugh  
Community Development Director John Hinzman  
Economic Development Coordinator Eric Maass

**Guests:** Commissioner Mike Slavik, Dakota County; Chair, CDA Board of Commissioners  
Tony Schertler, Executive Director, CDA

Mayor Fasbender called the workshop to order at 5:32 p.m.

Commissioner Slavik opened the workshop with introductions and an overview of the Dakota County Community Development Agency (CDA). Executive Director Schertler provided an overview of the services provided and philosophy guiding the work of the CDA.

Commissioner Slavik provided an overview of the rental prices and availability in Hastings. Even as the cost of ownership has increased, Hastings is one of the most affordable cities in which to rent or own in Dakota County. Schertler described the types of properties owned and managed by the CDA and who they serve.

Council discussion how funds are retained to maintain the units for the long term and reinvestment into preserving existing units as well as invest new units. Question on first time homebuyer program sunseting due to strong state program. Council discussion on the amount of land needed for projects and if rehab of existing homes is in the scope of the agency's work.

Schertler indicated that the CDA would be open to conversation with the City to partner on near future projects. CDA has means to purchase land when it becomes available. Workforce development is key in this process. Council discussion on addressing the various needs of families, attracting industry and workforce, and homeless populations.

Council supports conversations continuing to move forward with the staff and invite the CDA to return in 6 months to discuss economic development.

The Workshop adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor

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Kelly Murtaugh, City Clerk