

**MEETING OF THE
DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Wednesday, November 19, 2014 - 5:15 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR CITY HALL**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The November 19, 2014 DEDA meeting was called to order by President Norr at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Nancy Aronson Norr, Jay Fosle, Emily Larson, Tim McShane

Excused: John Heino, Linda Krug, Don Monaco

Others Present: Joan Christensen, Christopher Eng, Bronwyn Lipinski, Kevin Scharnberg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 22, 2014 Accept as written. Vote: Unanimous Fosle/McShane (4-0)

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 14D-43: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2015 DEDA BUDGETS

Staff: Eng highlighted the proposed 2015 DEDA budget.

Discussion: Larson requested that the expense to the Canal Park Business Association be put on a future DEDA agenda for discussion. Eng mentioned a typo in fund 865; there is a row labeled "housing" district, but it should read "redevelopment" district. The positive balance in fund 866 is earmarked to replace the MRO roof in ten years. Larson asked for info about the Upstairs Housing loans. Scharnberg said that instead of creating a new fund, the Upstairs Housing fund was made part of the Storefront Loan fund and has \$1M available. Fosle asked if the Storefront Loan funds could be allowed to be used throughout the city, to expand to other neighborhoods. Eng will explore the possibilities of expanding this program city wide.

Vote to Approve Resolution 14D-43: Passed Unanimous Larson/Fosle (4-0)

2. RESOLUTION 14D-44: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BENTLEYVILLE TOUR OF LIGHTS FOR STORAGE OF A TREE ON DEDA LOT D

Staff: Eng reported that this will be the last year for this agreement due to the Pier B project and has asked city staff to help search for a new site for after this year.

Vote to Approve Resolution 14D-44: Passed Unanimous Larson/McShane (4-0)

3. RESOLUTION 14D-45: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH MINERS, INC.

Staff: Eng explained that he used his authority as Executive Director to offer a three month license agreement to Miners to store trailers on DEDA property, but they now need a time extension to December 31, 2014.

Vote to Approve Resolution 14D-45: Passed Unanimous Fosle/Larson (4-0)

4. RESOLUTION 14D-46: RESOLUTION OF THE DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 27 (PIER B DEVELOPMENT)

Staff: Eng explained that this is simply a typo correction to the TIF plan Appendix.

Vote to Approve Resolution 14D-46: Passed Unanimous Fosle/McShane (4-0)

DISCUSSION

1. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A) The 21st Avenue East & London Road project will have a development agreement to DEDA in December, and go to Council for approval in January.
- B) A copy of the MPCA letter in response to the Band's application for a class one air permit from the EPA was given to each commissioner. Norr added that this allows state agencies to be involved in this process, but it is not a place for industry to have a voice. Eng offered to put this item on a future agenda for discussion, or to ask an expert from Barr Engineering to explain what this means for DEDA.

ADJOURNMENT: President Norr adjourned the November 19, 2014 DEDA meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher T. Eng
Executive Director

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