

**MEETING OF THE
DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Wednesday, December 18, 2013 - 5:15 p.m.
Room 303, City Hall**

MINUTES

Call To Order: The December 18, 2013, meeting of DEDA was called to order by President Monaco at 5:16 p.m.

Present: Jay Fosle, Nancy Aronson Norr, Dan Hartman, John Heino, Emily Larson, Tim McShane, Don Monaco

Others Present: Bob Asleson, Rick Ball, Christopher Eng, Bronwyn Lipinski, Ross Lovely, David Peterson, Kevin Scharnberg, Lynn Snyder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 20, 2013. Accept as written. Vote Unanimous Hartman/McShane (7-0)

Monaco mentioned that this is Dan Hartman's last meeting as a DEDA Commissioner, thanked him for his service and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 13D-41: RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM AMERICAN ENGINEERING & TESTING

Staff: Eng explained that this property was purchased from DEDA by AET several years ago, and because they are no longer able to go through with their original plans to build on the property, they are selling it back to DEDA, along with an additional piece of adjacent property acquired by AET.

Discussion: Lovely explained that we sold the property to AET for \$181,000, they purchased the additional piece of property for \$45,000, but they are selling the combined property back to DEDA for \$210,000. Timm-Bijold added that the area has been cleared of environmental contaminates, up to MPCA standards within the last ten years.

Vote to Approve Resolution 13D-41: Passed Unanimously Larson/Hartman (7-0)

2. RESOLUTION 13D-42: RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH ETOR PROPERTIES LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY TO LEASE PROPERTY IN THE NORTHWEST IRON LOT FOR PUBLIC PARKING PURPOSES

Staff: Eng said this three-year contract is up for renewal, and mentioned three changes from the previous contract; first, the revenue and expense share will change from 60/40 Etor/DEDA to 65/35 Etor/DEDA; second, the number of monthly contract parking spaces will increase from 40 to 45; and last, the \$6,000 set aside for capital replacements and reserves maintenance will be eliminated and issues will be attended to as needed on a 65/35 Etor/DEDA cost basis.

Vote to Approve Resolution 13D-42: Passed Unanimously Norr/Hartman (7-0)

3. **RESOLUTION 13D-43: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DULUTH PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION BY DEDA IN THE CITY'S SELF-INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR 2014 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000**

Staff: Eng reported that there are no changes from last year's agreement.

Vote to Approve Resolution 13D-43: Passed Unanimously Norr/Hartman (7-0)

DISCUSSION

1. **HRA UPDATE**

Ball and Peterson gave an update of work in which the HRA is involved, including redeveloping some blighted properties and tearing down others, building new homes, and working with tax forfeited property from the county and the city. The Build-Up program hopes to create 45 new homes.

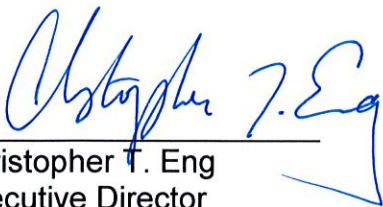
2. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Eng had nothing to report but asked for the Board to convene a closed meeting to discuss potential litigation.

Norr motioned to go into a closed session to discuss a response to potential litigation related to the matter of East Ridge Estates. Hartman seconded. (7-0) Passed Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: President Monaco adjourned the December 18, 2013 meeting of the DEDA at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher T. Eng
Executive Director

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