



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota Minutes

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EDA

The purpose of the Blaine Economic Development Authority is to increase the City's commercial/industrial tax base, provide employment opportunities, undertake redevelopment to enhance and maintain neighborhood economic stability, and address special needs, such as senior housing. As authorized under Minnesota State statutes, the Blaine City Council also serves as the Blaine Economic Development Authority.

Thursday, February 15, 2018

7:20 PM

Council Chambers

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by President Ryan followed by the Roll Call.

2 Roll Call

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Clark Arneson; Planning and Community Development Director Bryan Schafer; Public Works Director Jon Haukaas; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Brian Podany; Finance Director Joe Huss; Economic Development Coordinator Erik Thorvig; Public Services Manager/Assistant City Manager Bob Therres; Communications Technician Roark Haver; Senior Engineering Technician Jason Sundeen; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

Present: 6 - Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Hovland, Commissioner King, President Ryan, Commissioner Swanson, and Commissioner Garvais

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jeppson

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JANUARY 18, 2018 EDA MINUTES

Attachments: [Jan 18 EDA](#)

Moved by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Garvais, that the Minutes of January 18, 2018, be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 6 - Commissioner Clark Commissioner Hovland Commissioner King President Ryan Commissioner Swanson Commissioner Garvais

4 New Business

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**CONSIDERATION OF THE SALE OF EDA WETLAND
CREDITS
FOR WELLINGTON DEVELOPMENT FOR SITE AT
109TH AVE AND LEXINGTON AVE.**

Attachments: [WS Item - Wetland Credits to Wellington.pdf](#)

Planning and Community Development Director Schafer stated Wellington Development is proposing a 32-acre mixed use development at the southwest corner of 109th Avenue and Lexington Avenue. The site plan that has been developed shows wetlands that are scattered thru the site that will be impacted by the grading and site activity. The plan anticipates the filling of just over 2 acres (92,347 square feet) of wetland to make the project configuration work. They have indicated to the EDA and Rice Creek Watershed that they would like to purchase the necessary mitigation in the form of 2.12 acres of wetland credits from the EDA Wetland Bank. The purchase of 92,347 square feet of wetland credits from the EDA at the established sales price of \$2 per square foot would result in a sale of \$184,694 plus the EDA's out of pocket cost for withdrawing the wetland credits from BWSR. The EDA's Wetland Bank currently has approximately 28 acres currently available (plus the 14 acres held in reserve by the City).

Moved by Commissioner Hovland, seconded by Commissioner King, that Resolution No. 18-02, "Consideration of the Sale of EDA Wetland Credits for Wellington Development for Site at 109th Avenue and Lexington Avenue," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 6 - Commissioner Clark Commissioner Hovland Commissioner King President Ryan Commissioner Swanson Commissioner Garvais

5 Other Business

Economic Development Coordinator Thorvig provided the EDA with an updated meeting schedule. He noted he would be holding a small business park meeting at the Aveda Business Park on Wednesday, February 28th at 7:30 a.m. He reported he would be holding a meeting with the Metro North Chamber of Commerce Business Excellent Business Awards meeting would be held on Thursday, March 15th at 11:30 a.m. at Bunker Hills.

6 Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Hovland, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 6 - Commissioner Clark Commissioner Hovland Commissioner King President Ryan Commissioner Swanson Commissioner Garvais