



City of Blaine

Economic Development Authority

September 18, 2023 | 8:00 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:32PM by President Sanders followed by the Roll Call.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: President Tim Sanders, Commissioners Leslie Larson, Chris Massoglia, Tom Newland, Jess Robertson, and Lori Saroya.

ABSENT: Commissioner Terra Fleming.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; Safety Services Director/Police Chief Brian Podany; Finance Director Jason Zimmerman; Director of Engineering Dan Schluender; Finance Analyst Jenna Trittin; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

3. Approval of Minutes

None.

4. New Business

- 4.1.** RES 23-156 Authorize the Blaine Economic Development Authority, Having all the Powers of a Housing Redevelopment Authority, to Levy a Property Tax upon the Taxable Property in the City of Blaine for 2024
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

Finance Director Zimmerman stated Minnesota State Statutes require special taxing districts to certify preliminary property tax levies to county auditors by September 30. The Blaine Economic Development Authority (EDA) functions as a special taxing district and is therefore authorized to levy taxes under these same enabling statutes. The EDA is governed by the

Blaine City Council who serve as the EDA's Board of Directors and President. Staff recommends a 2024 Preliminary EDA Property Tax Levy of \$1,000,000, which is the same levy as 2023. The recommended levy will support the EDA's budgeted activities for 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Massoglia, seconded by Commissioner Newland, to Authorize the Blaine Economic Development Authority, Having all the Powers of a Housing Redevelopment Authority, to Levy a Property Tax upon the Taxable Property in the City of Blaine for 2024.

Commissioner Robertson asked if the \$1,000,000 levy would meet the needs of the EDA for 2024. Community Development Director Thorvig reported the EDA levy was increased by \$250,000 in 2022 and the purpose of this increase was to fund new programs. He explained staff believes the \$1,000,000 levy would be adequate to continue to fund these programs.

Motion adopted unanimously.

5. Old Business

None.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Massoglia, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36PM.

Motion adopted unanimously.



Signed by

Tim Sanders, President

Attest by:

Catherine M. Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk