



City of Blaine

Economic Development Authority

April 1, 2024 | 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 10:04PM by President Sanders followed by the Roll Call.

2. Roll Call

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

ABSENT: None.

Quorum Present.

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

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. 2024-95 Approval of the January 3, 2024 Economic Development Authority (EDA) Minutes

Sponsors: Erik Thorvig, Community Development Director

Moved by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, that the Minutes of January 3, 2024, be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

4. New Business

4.1. 2024-96 Approving a License Agreement with Invictus Brewing for Use of EDA Owned Property

Community Development Director Thorvig stated the owners of Invictus Brewing approached city staff about the potential to use EDA-owned property for various events in the spring/summer. The EDA owns property directly north of Invictus. Invictus would like to erect a 40'x60' tent on the property through the end of July. They are looking at various music acts and other fundraising events. These events would fall under the special events ordinance. They would need to apply for a special events permit and a temporary liquor license for each event, which includes liquor liability insurance. Temporary liquor licenses require city council approval, however special events are approved administratively. In order to utilize EDA/city owned property for an extended period of time, the city attorney suggested entering into a license agreement which outlines terms and conditions for the use of property. The terms and conditions within the license agreement were reviewed with the EDA and staff recommended approval of the agreement with Invictus Brewing.

Moved by Commissioner Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Massoglia, to approve a License Agreement with Invictus Brewing for Use of EDA Owned Property.

Previn Solberg, co-owner of Invictus Brewing, explained he had several celebrations/events being planned for this summer and stated the extra space would allow for a large tent to be set up through July 31.

Commissioner Saroya questioned how often Invictus would be hosting events. Mr. Solberg reported he has three different events planned for this summer. He stated additional events may be hosted throughout the summer.

Commissioner Saroya suggested the EDA consider the sale of this EDA owned property to Invictus versus leasing the land. Mr. Thorvig indicated there was open space available to Invictus directly to the north that would allow for the celebrations/events and this would be worked through as the 105th Area develops.

Motion adopted unanimously.

5. Old Business

None.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Massoglia, to adjourn the meeting at 10:14PM.

Motion adopted unanimously.

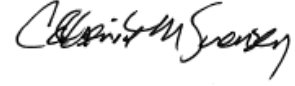


Signed by



Tim Sanders, President

Attest by:



Catherine M. Sorensen, CMC, City Clerk