



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.

Monday, October 17, 2022

Council Chambers

Meeting will take place immediately following the regular Council meeting

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:14PM by President Sanders followed by the Roll Call.

2 Roll Call

PRESENT: President Tim Sanders, Commissioners Wes Hovland, Julie Jeppson, Chris Massoglia, Tom Newland, Richard Paul, and Jess Robertson.

ABSENT: None.

Quorum Present.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; City Planner Sheila Sellman; Safety Services Director/Police Chief Brian Podany; Finance Director Joe Huss; City Engineer Dan Schluender; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; and City Clerk Catherine Sorensen.

Present: 6 - Commissioner Jeppson, Commissioner Robertson, Commissioner Paul, Commissioner Hovland, Commissioner Massoglia, and President Sanders

3 Minutes

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Approval of the October 3, 2022 EDA Minutes

Attachments: [Unapproved Minutes 100322](#)

Moved by Commissioner Newland, seconded by Commissioner Hovland, that the Minutes of October 3, 2022, be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 6 - Commissioner Jeppson Commissioner Robertson Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Hovland Commissioner Massoglia President Sanders

4 New Business**4-1 Approving a Letter of Intent and Purchase Agreement with the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC)**

Attachments: [Purchase Agreement](#)
 [Revised Letter of Intent 10-12-22 - FINAL](#)

City Attorney Nelson stated staff is requesting the Economic Development Authority (EDA) authorize a letter of intent and purchase agreement to assist in funding the purchase and installation of two multi-purpose turf fields at the National Sports Center (NSC) in exchange for property and other land rights owned by MASC.

Mr. Nelson reported during discussions earlier in 2022, the city council identified up to \$3.93 million of assistance to the NSC for the development of 262,800 square feet of artificial turf, three recreational sized fields or two professional sized fields, LED lights, lines, and the city of Blaine logo/NSC logo. The plan includes \$2.5 million of funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) proceeds. In exchange for this financial assistance for the construction of turf fields, the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC) would provide the city with rights to construct, operate and maintain the primary lake feature of the 105th Avenue redevelopment plan on MASC-owned property at 10610 Nassau Street, and deed this property to the Blaine EDA as part of the redevelopment area. Staff commented further on the proposed agreements between the MASC and the city and recommended approval of the letter of intent and purchase agreement.

Mayor Sanders thanked City Attorney Nelson and Community Development Director Thorvig for all of their efforts on this item. He appreciated the partnership staff had with the NSC and MASC. He believed this letter of intent and purchase agreement was a win-win for the city of Blaine.

Commissioner Robertson discussed how difficult it can be to work with the state and she hoped that the state would recall how friendly and supportive Blaine has been to welcome the state into the community.

Commissioner Newland explained he was less than enthusiastic about the proposed purchase price, but he would be supporting the purchase moving forward.

Moved by Commissioner Jeppson, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, that Resolution No. 22-13, "Approving a Letter of Intent and Purchase Agreement with the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission (MASC)," be approved.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 6 - Commissioner Jeppson Commissioner Robertson Commissioner Paul
 Commissioner Hovland Commissioner Massoglia President Sanders

5 Other Business

Commissioner Paul explained he would not be available to attend the congressional delegation visit on Tuesday, October 18.

6 Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Jeppson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM.

Motion adopted unanimously.

Aye 6 - Commissioner Jeppson Commissioner Robertson Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Hovland Commissioner Massoglia President Sanders