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City of Blaine
Anoka County, Minnesota
Minutes
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.

The council chambers will have limited seating, with audience chairs being set up at least six feet apart. There will be an overflow area where the meeting can be watched in the Cloverleaf Farms Room, also with chairs set up at least six feet apart.

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 **Council Chambers**

Meeting will take place immediately following the regular Council meeting. Councilmember Smith will be joining the meeting virtually from the lobby of Fitger's Hotel, 600 E. Superior St, Duluth, MN 55802

1 Call to Order

The hybrid meeting was called to order at 8:07PM by President Sanders followed by the Roll Call.

2 Roll Call

PRESENT: President Tim Sanders, Commissioners Julie Jeppson, Chris Massoglia, Richard Paul, Jess Robertson, and Jason Smith (attending remotely).

ABSENT: Commissioner Wes Hovland.

Quorum Present.
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Michelle Wolfe; Community Development Director Erik Thorvig; City Planner Sheila Sellman; Public Works Director Jon Haukaas; Police Chief/Safety Services Manager Brian Podany; Finance Director Joe Huss; City Engineer Dan Schluender; Communications Manager Ben Hayle; and Deputy Clerk Lisa Derr.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Hovland

3 Minutes

3-1

Approval of the January 3, 2022 EDA Minutes

Attachments: Unapproved Minutes 010322

Moved by Commissioner Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Jeppson, that the minutes of January 3, 2022, be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

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

4 New Business

4-1 Approve Purchase of 8839 Central Avenue NE

Attachments: Location Map
Comp Plan Pages

Community Development Director Thorvig stated several years ago, the property at 8839 Central Avenue was listed for sale. At that time, the property was discussed by the EDA and direction was given to staff to negotiate a purchase. The asking price was $350,000. Discussions with the property owner never materialized. Representatives of the family property ownership group reached out to city staff again recently about a potential purchase. They have offered the property for $225,000. The property consists of a single-family house built in 1927. The property is zoned B-2 Community Commercial. Commercial zoning is in place for all properties along the Highway 65 frontage south to the city limits. The property is .44 acres (19,166 square feet). The EDA owns an additional 1.37 acres south of this property along the east side of Highway 65, however the subject property is not contiguous with the EDA owned property. There is one property in between. These properties were purchased by the EDA in the early 2000s. The properties purchased by the EDA had older, non-conforming single-family homes at the time. It was noted the purchase would be completed on or before April 15, 2022. Staff commented further on the real estate transaction and recommended approval.

Moved by Commissioner Jeppson, seconded by Commissioner Robertson, that Resolution No. 22-03, "Approve Purchase of 8839 Central Avenue NE," be approved.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.

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

5 Other Business

None.

6 Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Robertson, seconded by Commissioner Jeppson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion adopted unanimously.