

MEETING MINUTES

CLARA CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 10, 2021
12:00 Noon

Call-In Number: 1-419-739-2663
Room: 6022
PIN: 2718

(Phone activated at 11:57 AM)

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLARA CITY, MINNESOTA

Members present: Chip Goeman, Chad Forkrud, James Thein, Gary Nelson, and Steve Jones

Members absent: Robert Schwitters, Rhonda Pieper

Staff present: Gene Wenstrom (EDA Consultant)

Others present: Sam Peterson (Clara City Herald), County Commissioner Candice Jaenisch

1. Call to Order—*By President Chip Goeman at 12:01P.M.*

2. Additions/Deletions/Modifications/Approval of Agenda

***Action taken:** Upon calling for any additions/deletions/modifications to the draft agenda and receiving none, President Goeman declared the Meeting Agenda to be approved as presented.*

3. Approval of Minutes

3. (A) Regular EDA Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2021.

***Action taken:** M/S/P 5-0 (Thein/Forkrud) to approve the EDA Meeting Minutes for April 12, as presented.*

4. Communications/Notices—*None.*

5. Reports from Officers and Committees

5. (A) Financial Report—*No changes from last month.*

5. (B) Loan Servicing Requests, if any—*None*

6. Reports from Staff and Administrative Officers:

6. (A) Gene Wenstrom, EDA Consultant, gave an update, including the upcoming sale of land to Kay's Naturals, the overall lack of employees available for a number of local businesses, and housing issues.

7. General Business

OLD BUSINESS

7. (A) Information from Superintendent Sherri Broderius, MACCRAY I.S.D. # 2180: No report this meeting.

7. (B) Update on the former “Junior High Property”: Jones and County Commissioner Jaenisch gave an update on the meeting with the County Board. The use of a Redevelopment TIF was discussed, the county was supportive, and if we can find a developer for the site, we believe we can find a way to get the site shovel ready. Jones will report back next meeting on a more in-depth review of TIF eligibility for the site.

7. (C) Sugar and Spice Site: After discussion and review of the bids received for demolition of the site; *M/S/P 5-0 (Thein/Nelson) to approve the low bid from MAAC for the demolition of the Sugar and Spice two buildings.*

7. (D) Housing Discussion: Wenstrom discussed some possible developers/investors for projects, and possible sites. Some of these are “active” discussion still being held by staff. The old Junior High Site is also, a strong possibility as a housing site.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

8. Announcements: The next meeting of the EDA will be on **Monday, June 7, 2021, 12:00 Noon, at City Hall.**

9. Adjournment—*At 12:26 PM*

ATTEST: _____
Steven C. Jones, Secretary