

MEETING NOTES

CLARA CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (EDA)
INFORMAL MEETING

Monday
May 8, 2017
12:00 Noon

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLARA CITY, MINNESOTA

Present: James Thein, Gary Nelson, and Windy Block

Absent: Chad Forkrud (excused), Chip Goeman (excused), Robert Schwitters (excused), and Rhonda Pieper (excused).

Staff Present: Gene Wenstrom

Others Present: Josie Oliver (Clara City Herald), and Jeff Lopez (Chippewa County Commissioner)

1. Call to Order—by *Temporary Chair Jim Thein at 12:05 P.M.* *The Temporary Chair asked for an accounting of the members, and upon receiving such, declared that there was not a Quorum present. Upon acknowledging that an official meeting could not be held due to the lack of a Quorum, it was the consensus of the three Commissioners who were present to conduct an informal discussion with no action on the subjects as listed on the draft Agenda.*

2. Additions/Deletions/Modifications/Approval of Agenda

Action taken: None

3. Approval of Minutes

3. (A) Regular Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2017.

Action taken: None

3. (B) Special Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2017.

Action taken: None

4. Communications/Notices—*None.*

5. Reports from Officers and Committees

5. (A) Financial Report—*None.*

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

6. Reports from Staff and Administrative Officers

6. (A) Consideration of receiving and discussing the monthly update on items of interest to

the EDA as authored by Consultant Gene Wenstrom.

Action taken: Wenstrom reviewed his report for those members who were present.

7. General Business

7. (A) Consideration of additional follow-up reporting from the EDA's initial review of its March 13th dialogue with Lane Schwitters, School Board Chair, and Brian Koslofsky, Superintendent for the MACCRAY District No. 2180, regarding the recently defeated No. 2180 referendum. Based upon the EDA's initial review on April 10th, some members had volunteered to visit with certain key community members of the MACCRAY District prior to considering any additional discussion as to what are thoughts and wishes of the EDA Commissioners regarding the possible scheduling of sharing sessions with the EDA's from Raymond and Maynard.

Action taken: Commissioner Nelson reported on his contacts with certain representatives of Raymond.

7. (B) Consideration of reviewing and approving an "Option and real Estate Agreement" as drafted by Attorney John Sellner in support of the previously approved EDA/City's purchase of bare farm land from Robert & Kathryn Condon.

Action taken: A general discussion was held.

7. (C) Consideration (continued) of establishing the price for bare land and/or lots in the City/EDA-owned portion of the South Hawk Creek Business Park. Also included may be discussion regarding the setting of policy as to what types and amount of credit ought to be considered for awarding to developers in recognition of the development of jobs and/or taxable building value and the design of the April 5, 2017 Amended Preliminary Plat.

Action taken: A general discussion was held.

8. Announcements

8. (A) Regular Meeting of the EDA --Monday, June 12, 2017, 12:00 Noon, City Hall.

9. Adjournment—*This informal meeting was declared to be adjourned as of 12:25 p.m.*