

**Economic Development Authority**

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

4:00 p.m.

First Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting of the Economic Development Authority was held virtually.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: King Banaian, Chris Jacques, Steve Laraway, Dave Masters, and Bernie Perryman

Members Absent: Alice Lenzmeier and Tohow Siyad

Staff Present: Kirstin Barsness, Tammy Campion, Matt Glaesman, Cathy Mehelich, Ashley Skaggs and Ruth Wipper

**MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 2, 2020 EDA MEETING**

**EDA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2020**

ACTION TAKEN: Laraway/Jacques/Approved (5-0)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING REDEVELOPMENT GRANT WITH MN DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR A PROPOSED PROJECT BY MIDLAND-OLYMPUS STRATEGIC INCOME FUND, LLC AND APPROVING A TERM SHEET FOR THE PROJECT**

ACTION TAKEN: Jacques/Laraway/Approved (5-0)

Mehelich explained a request to approve a redevelopment grant with MN Department of Employment and Economic Development for a proposed project by Midland-Olympus Strategic Income Fund, LLC and to approve a term sheet for the project. Staff has been working with the developer on a proposed redevelopment of the Gateway Motel located at 310 Lincoln Ave SE. In order to facilitate the project, financing assistance is needed to support the extraordinary redevelopment expenses and a portion of acquisition costs. Clayton Riney with Midland-Olympus was present to answer questions about the grant and project.

Jacques made a motion to approve a resolution approving redevelopment grant with MN Department of Employment and Economic Development for a proposed project by Midland-Olympus Strategic Income Fund, LLC and approving a term sheet for the project. The motion was seconded by Laraway and carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT WITH MICROBIOLOGICS, INC AND APPROVING FINDINGS CONCERNING PARCELS WITHIN DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY**

ACTION TAKEN: Laraway/Jacques/Approved (5-0)

Mehelich explained that staff has been working with Microbiologics, Inc. over the past year in their assembly of adjacent properties to accommodate a future building expansion anticipated in 2023. Several of the properties acquired are beyond repair and use for rental in the interim. The company has asked for the EDA's assistance in documenting the homes as blighted to allow removal this summer, while also preserving the ability to certify the area as a TIF Redevelopment District for the expansion. A revised resolution was provided which updated a date in section 1.07. Mike Prasch of Microbiologics was present to answer questions about the project.

Laraway made a motion to approve the resolution approving a contract for private development with Microbiologics, Inc. and approving findings concerning parcels within the development property. The motion was seconded by Jacques and carried unanimously.

**COVID-19 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE RESOURCES**

ACTION TAKEN: None

Mehelich provided an update on resources available to businesses impacted by COVID-19 including updates on local programs. Staff continues to monitor and share with businesses and partners the various Federal and State resources available since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early March.

**ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANT PROJECT UPDATE**

ACTION TAKEN: None

Barsness provided an update on the Economic Recovery Grant Project and recommended a small area development plan for the former Electrolux site.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

ACTION TAKEN: None

Mehelich and Campion provided updates on development activities, COVID-19 business resources, and the update of the 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

5:23 p.m.