

**City of West St. Paul  
Economic Development Authority Minutes  
September 14, 2020**

**1. Call to Order**

President Napier called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: President Dave Napier  
Commissioners Wendy Berry, Lisa Eng-Sarne,  
Anthony Fernandez, John Justen, Bob Pace and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Ryan Schroeder  
City Attorney Kori Land  
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon  
Community Development Director/Executive Director Jim Hartshorn  
Finance Director Char Stark  
City Clerk/Secretary Shirley Buecksler

**3. Adopt the Agenda**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vitelli and seconded by Commissioner Fernandez to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

**4. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Eng-Sarne said Tea Cup will be opening next to Caribou and Amore is open inside for coffee.

Commissioner Justen said it is fun to be surprised by businesses, like Tea Cup, opening in West St. Paul. This is great news.

Commissioner Vitelli said the Perkins sale fell through for the laundromat.

## **5. New Business**

### **A. More Space Storage – Business Subsidy Request**

Community Development Director said he received a call this morning to pull this application and not do anything with it until next year. Staff recommends no action other than to continue this item until the Applicant reapplies.

Motion was made by Commissioner Justen and seconded by Commissioner Berry to remove this item from consideration.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **B. Property Line Adjustment – Easement Agreement – 1019 Smith/1010 Dodd**

Motion was made by Commissioner Vitelli and seconded by Commissioner Pace to sell this 10 foot by 138.5 foot property for \$4,000.00 with the buyer paying any closing costs. City Attorney Land said the sale will require a Public Hearing by the Economic Development Authority in order to convey it out.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **6. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

Updates on businesses:

Hartshorn said he has talked with a developer regarding the Baker's Square property, and it is going to be three different businesses. Perkins is under contract to be sold. And Camelot Cleaners is for sale. Chase Bank is coming in, as well as Starbuck's will add a second location.

Commissioner Eng-Sarne asked how we navigate clean-up efforts at Camelot Cleaners? Hartshorn said there are County and DEED programs for clean-up.

Commissioner Vitelli said Camelot also used to be a Standard gas station.

Commissioner Pace said the State has the petro fund for soil boring, which is 90% paid through State funding.

Commissioner Berry said someone has purchased the Inver Grove Heights Home Depot and that it sold for \$17 million. Commissioner Vitelli said he talked to Inver Grove Heights Mayor George Tourville about it.

7. **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Commissioner Justen and seconded by Commissioner Berry to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

David J. Napier  
President  
City of West St. Paul