

**City of West St. Paul
Economic Development Authority Minutes
November 23, 2020**

1. Call to Order

President Napier called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

Absent: Commissioner Anthony Fernandez (excused absence)

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
Parks & Public Works Director/City Engineer Ross Beckwith
City Clerk/Secretary Shirley Buecksler

3. Adopt the Agenda

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

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Berry said please visit our local restaurants for Thanksgiving and keep in mind that they need your support, especially in these next four weeks.

Commissioner Eng-Sarne said a few of us were able to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the Westlyn Apartments on the golf course. The project looks like it's going to be great and it's exciting to see them get going. She also echoed to shop local, buy local, and have a good Thanksgiving.

President Napier said he cannot stress enough – get out and support our businesses, it's critical to their survival during this time. There is also delivery available from local businesses.

5. **EDA Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Commissioner Justen and seconded by Commissioner Vitelli to adopt the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of June 22, 2020 – EDA Work Session
- Financial Statement for October 31, 2020

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

6. **Public Hearing**

There were no public hearings.

7. **New Business**

A. **Town Center I Amended Development/TIF Agreements**

Shane LaFave, Director of Development for Roers, addressed the Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vitelli and seconded by Commissioner Justen to adopt Resolution No. 20-11 Approving an Amended and Restated Tax Increment Financing Agreement and First Amended Contract for Private Redevelopment with Roers West St. Paul Apartments Owner LLC.

Vote: 6 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

B. **1010 Dodd Discussion – Possible Injection of EDA Funds**

Community Development Director Hartshorn said this is a discussion item only.

Commissioner Eng-Sarne said the EDA has continued to talk about this improvement but she doesn't think we can go to our local businesses and ask for their contributions at this time. If we want to move on the planning that the Environmental Commission made, we would have to pitch in, she said.

President Napier said the idea is great if we can find some money to get it going. He suggested moving this item to a future meeting.

8. **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

9. Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Berry and seconded by Commissioner Justen to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

David J. Napier
President
City of West St. Paul