

**City of West St. Paul
Economic Development Authority Minutes
April 25, 2022**

1. Call to Order

President Napier called the meeting to order at 8:18 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: President Dave Napier
Commissioners Wendy Berry, Julie Eastman, Lisa Eng-Sarne,
Robyn Gulley, John Justen and Dick Vitelli

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Nate Burkett
City Attorney Kori Land
Police Chief Brian Sturgeon
Assistant City Manager Dan Nowicki
Community Development Director Ben Boike
Public Works & Parks Director / City Engineer Ross Beckwith
EDA Secretary Nicole Tillander

3. Adopt the Agenda

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

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

4. Commissioner Comments

5. EDA Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approve Joint Powers Agreements With Dakota County For The Thompson Oaks River To River Greenway Segment And Water Quality Project

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

6. Public Hearing

7. New Business

A. Closed Session Pursuant To Minn. Stat. 13D.05 Subd. 3c To Discuss Potential Purchase Offer For 150 Thompson Ave. E. (Hy-Vee Property)

Community Development Director Ben Boike presented information regarding the withdrawal of plans for a smaller sized Hy-Vee grocery store and the sale of the property at 150 Thompson Ave E. Staff plans and hopes to work collaboratively with Hy-Vee as the sale of the property moves forward.

Staff see an opportunity to create a mixed-use community space with possible entertainment, housing, community center and/or public gathering space options such as an amphitheater. Similar spaces exist throughout the Twin Cities to help shape our plan. Staff looks to the EDA Commission for input and discussion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Vitelli and seconded by Commissioner Berry to close the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05 subd. 3(c), to consider offers for the sale of real property located at 150 Thompson Avenue East.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

8. Old Business

9. Adjourn

Meeting re-opened for adjournment. Motion was made by Commissioner Eastman and seconded by Commissioner Berry to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Vote: 7 ayes / 0 nays. Motion carried.

David J. Napier
President
City of West St. Paul