



**City of Newport
Newport Economic Development Authority Minutes
April 17, 2014**

1. CONVENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Mayor Geraghty called the Regular NEDA Meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

A. Roll Call

Commission Members Present – Tim Geraghty, Tom Ingemann, Bill Sumner, Tracy Rahm, Steven Gallagher

Commission Members Absent -

B. Review Agenda

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Sumner, to approve the Agenda as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

C. Approval of March 20, 2014 NEDA Meeting Minutes

Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Ingemann to approve the March 20, 2014 minutes as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Knauff Site Update

Admin. Hill - These resolutions are to approve submitting grant applications for the clean-up of the Knauff Site to DEED and Met Council.

Commissioner Gallagher - How much is the grant for?

Admin. Hill - DEED is 70% of \$240,000. That's for a more comprehensive clean-up to get it to industrial standards.

Commissioner Gallagher - That's not that much, I thought it would have been more.

Admin. Hill - We're not taking down the buildings anymore.

Motion by Sumner, seconded by Rahm, to approved Resolution No. 2014-2. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Admin. Hill - The City pays 13% and the Met Council pays 12%.

President Geraghty - Could the applicant pay the 12%?

Admin. Hill - We'll need to talk to him about it.

Motion by Sumner, seconded by Ingemann, to approved Resolution No. 2014-3. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the

motion carried.

B. Discussion Regarding Recent Acquisition of Johnson Property

Admin. Hill presented on this item as outlined in the April 17, 2014 packet.

President Geraghty - The three lots are independent of the vacation and mill pond transaction?

Admin. Hill - Yes.

President Geraghty - What do you need on those?

Admin. Hill - I want to work with Sherri because we need to look at the vacation of 9th Street because that would change things. If we vacate the street, we could get more land and could possibly get two parcels. There are several ways to look at it. That's all, to work with Sherri to get a plan put together.

President Geraghty - Does one of the parcels need to be condemned?

Admin. Hill - That was the Mosley's lot.

President Geraghty - Will the DNR oppose the vacation on the River?

Attorney Knaak - Supposedly there's a letter where they're willing to trade off because of the access. If that's the case, it's the first case that I've seen.

Councilman Ingemann - Is there any movement on the MnDot property?

President Geraghty - We need to make a decision, either make a payment plan or pay them all at once. It's 90% of the appraisal.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

4. ADJOURN

Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Sumner, to adjourn the NEDA Meeting at 7:47 p.m. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Tim Geraghty, President

Respectfully Submitted:

Renee Helm
Executive Analyst