



**CITY OF NEWPORT  
NEWPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINUTES  
NEWPORT CITY HALL  
December 20, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Lund called the Newport Economic Development Meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. on December 20, 2018.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present (5): President Dan Lund, Commissioner Kevin Chapdelaine, Commissioner Bill Sumner, Commissioner Tracy Rahm, and Commissioner Roz Johnson

Not Present (0): None

**3. ADOPT AGENDA**

Commissioner Rahm motioned to adopt the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Approved 5-0.

**4. MINUTES**

**A. December 6, 2018**

Commissioner Sumner motioned to approve the Minutes o December 6, 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Approved 5-0.

**5. 2019 NEDA BUDGET**

City Administrator Deb Hill provided a summary of the 2019 NEDA Budget to the Commission. The Commission had no changes.

President Lund motioned to approve the 2019 NEDA Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Sumner. Approved 5-0.

**6. POTENTIAL CITY LAND PURCHASE/SALE and LITIGATION (This portion of the NEDA meeting may be closed under MN Statue Section 13D.05)**

City Attorney Fritz Knaak stated he wants the record to reflect the closed meeting discussion involves ongoing litigation in regards to the purchase/sale of land.

Commissioner Chapdelaine motioned to close the NEDA Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Rahm. Approved 5-0.

The December 20, 2018 NEDA Meeting was closed at 7:19 p.m.

President Lund motioned to open the closed meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Chapdelaine. Approved 5-0.

The December 20, 2018 NEDA Meeting was opened at 7:39 p.m.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission discussed the development of land and the island in the river adjacent to Cedar Lane. The Commission took no action as more information would be presented as Park Development progresses.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Commission discussed the progress of Zumbro House which is preparing to submit permit applications in the coming weeks, the property at 1894 Hastings Ave as a permit application has not been submitted, and small parcel owned by the City along Hastings Ave.

The Commission explored the idea of creating a Tax Incremental Financial district for the Courtesy Car property as it is in the process of being sold. The ability to TIF the property would be relayed to Council after presenting the idea to Ehler’s Financial.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Johnson motioned to adjourn the Newport Economic Development Authority meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Rahm. Approved 5-0.

The Newport Economic Development meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. on December 20, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Travis Brierley,  
Assistant to the City Administrator

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan Lund, President