



**City of Newport
Newport Economic Development Authority Minutes
January 15, 2015**

1. CONVENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

President Geraghty called the Regular NEDA Meeting to order at 6:55 P.M.

A. Roll Call

Commission Members Present – Tim Geraghty, Tom Ingemann, Bill Sumner, Tracy Rahm, Dan Lund

Commission Members Absent -

B. Review Agenda

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

C. Approval of November 6, 2014 NEDA Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ingemann, seconded by Sumner to approve the November 6, 2014 minutes as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2015-1 - Adopting the 2014 Annual Report

Admin. Hill presented on this item as outlined in the January 15, 2015 NEDA packet.

Motion by Rahm, seconded by Ingemann, to approved Resolution No. 2015-1 adopting the 2014 Annual Report. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

B. Discussion Regarding Selling City-Owned Lots and Former Public Works Site

Admin. Hill presented on this item as outlined in the January 15, 2015 NEDA packet. Sherry Wilwert with Edina Realty conducted a market analysis for the City-owned lots and found that the City could sell the 927 2nd Avenue and Mosely properties for \$32,000 each. Admin. Hill will place the lots up for sale. Jon Anderson contacted Admin. Hill again regarding the Public Works site. Mr. Anderson is wondering if the City would be interested in platting the site.

Commissioner Rahm - Depending on the price, I would say go ahead and do it so that we could sell the lots.

Commissioner Sumner - Is this the same individual that was interested in it before?

Admin. Hill - Yes.

Commissioner Sumner - Why did he pull out?

Admin. Hill - Because you wanted to do a RFP.

President Geraghty - Does he have a proposal?

Admin. Hill - That's something we would need to work on.

Commissioner Lund - Can we get ballpark numbers on a high density development for a sanitary sewer line?

Supt. Hanson - The sewer line is in the street so it would be stubs for each one.

Commissioner Lund - There's no additional expense if we wanted to zone it and put high density in there?

Admin. Hill - That would be spot zoning. He's looking at single-family homes.

Commissioner Rahm - Let's get the numbers on them.

Admin. Hill - The taxes will be about \$1,000 per year per lot.

President Geraghty - What is he giving us per lot? \$30,000?

Admin. Hill - We didn't come down to an actual price per lot.

President Geraghty - That's why I'm debating if we should sell them individually or to a developer. As long as it meets code I'm not sure I care either way. Go ahead and get the estimations.

C. Discussion Regarding Raceway to Fun Site

Admin. Hill - We were contacted by someone for the Raceway to Fun site that wants to build a nitrogen plant. They would sell it to Northern Tier. I'm wondering if you want to consider this proposal? It would need to be rezoned and would need a variance.

President Geraghty - I'm not interested.

Commissioner Rahm - I'm concerned because of how it looks.

Commissioner Ingemann - It's the main entrance to the City.

Supt. Hanson - The old treatment plant by the refinery comes to mind.

Commissioner Lund - Could we tell him we like the idea but not there?

Admin. Hill - I'll work with Bruce and let you know.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

4. ADJOURN

Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Ingemann, to adjourn the NEDA Meeting at 7:08 p.m. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Tim Geraghty, President

Respectfully Submitted:

Renee Eisenbeisz
Executive Analyst