



**City of Newport
Newport Economic Development Authority Minutes
August 6, 2015**

1. CONVENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

President Geraghty called the Regular NEDA Meeting to order at 6:04 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 Geraghty, seconded by Ingemann, to approve the Agenda as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

C. Approval of March 5, 2015 NEDA Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ingemann, seconded by Sumner, to approve the March 5, 2015 minutes as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Regarding City-Owned Properties for Sale

The EDA discussed the following City-owned properties:

Deeds and Alley Vacation for Former Johnson Properties

The deeds are being cleaned up for the Johnson properties and the alley vacation will be recorded with the County. Admin. Hill spoke with a realtor regarding these properties and the realtor gave an estimate of \$32,000-\$35,000 each. There are four parcels that the City will be selling for development. The EDA discussed the possibility of creating an association to provide access to the River for three of the parcels along 9th Street and 2nd Avenue. A path would need to be graded down to the River by the City. Commissioner Lund believes that if those lots had access to the River, they would be worth more than the estimated \$35,000. The City or association would need to get a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers and DNR for dock slips. Commissioner Lund will look into what the City needs to do to get permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and DNR and draft a letter to them.

In regards to the Loren Johnson house, the HPC is still completing their work on it but staff estimates that the City will be able to demolish it in late fall. The City should be able to split that property into three separate lots for sale.

Parcel at the Corner of Hastings Avenue and 13th Street

City staff was contacted by Newport Auto regarding possibly purchasing this parcel to add space for parking cars. The EDA directed staff to inform him of the requirement for greenspace.

Parcels Behind City Hall

City staff was contacted by IR Services regarding the parcels behind City Hall to see if the City is still interested

in purchasing them. Staff informed them that the City is still interested. The EDA directed staff to move forward with purchasing the parcels.

4. ADJOURN

Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Ingemann, to adjourn the NEDA Meeting at 6:40 p.m. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Tim Geraghty, President

Respectfully Submitted:

Renee Eisenbeisz
Executive Analyst