**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

2:00 P.M. Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Present: Nelson French Excused: Shane Hoff

 Floyd Baker

 Richard DeRosier – via ZOOM

 Bethany Smuk – via ZOOM

 Lana Fralich – City Administrator

Tim Costley – City Attorney

David Drown – Economic Development Director

French called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. All votes will be by roll call while the meeting is held virtually via ZOOM.

**Agenda** – Motion by Baker, second French to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

 Member French – Aye Member Hoff – Absent

 Member DeRosier – Aye Member Baker – Aye

 Member Smuk – Aye

**Minutes** – Motion by DeRosier, second by Baker to approve the minutes of the January 6th regular meeting, the January 13th special planning meeting, and the January 25th special planning workshop meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

 Member French – Aye Member Hoff – Absent

 Member DeRosier – Aye Member Baker – Aye

 Member Smuk – Aye

COMMUNICATIONS

**Shoring Up Business Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th at noon.

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**Economic Development Authority 101** – Drown, provided an overview on the purpose, powers, and limitations of EDA Boards. There was discussion on what EDA’s can and cannot do, the benefits of an EDA to the city, how Tax Increment Financing and Tax Abatement options can be a tool for development, taxing authority, fiscal disparities and redistribution, housing projects, business subsidy law, and special revenue bonds. The Board thanked Drown for his presentation.

**Business Park and Connections** – French, presented zoning maps showing potential zoning districts highlighting conceptual visions for the City, including the Business Park, and what would be desirable to the community.

Drown, discussed the Gitchi-Gami bike trail extension, the importance of preparing for this extension, and being part of the discussions to insure connection between the city business center and business park. Maps and funding of the potential Gitchi-Gami trail were reviewed and discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

**City Attorney Memo** –The City Attorney presented a memo on open meeting laws and conflict of interest.

Motion by Baker, second Smuk to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

 Member French – Aye Member Hoff – Absent

 Member DeRosier – Aye Member Baker – Aye

 Member Smuk – Aye

Minutes taken by Lindsey Klemmer