

MINUTES OF  
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
CITY OF SOUTH ST. PAUL  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Annual Meeting  
January 4, 2021  
City Council Chambers – South St. Paul City Hall

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Annual Meeting of the South St. Paul Economic Development Authority was held on January 4, 2021 in the South St. Paul City Council Chambers, and was also open via WebEx, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021. President Francis called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

*Members Present: President Francis, Commissioners Bakken, Hansen, Seaberg, Podgorski, Kaliszewski and Dewey.*

*Staff Present: EDA Executive Director Ryan Garcia, City Administrator Joel Hanson, and Legal Counsel Kori Land.*

**3. AGENDA**

Motion/Second: Commissioner Kaliszewski moved and Commissioner Dewey seconded approval of the agenda.

Motion carried            7 ayes / 0 nays

**4. CONSENT**

- A. EDA Special Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2020
- B. Approval of Mortgage Satisfaction – Resolution 2021 – 2
- C. Approval of Mortgage Satisfaction – Resolution 2021 – 3

Motion/Second: Commissioner Hansen moved and Commissioner Dewey seconded approval of the consent agenda.

Motion carried            7 ayes / 0 nays

## 5. GENERAL BUSINESS

### A. Election of Officers

Mr. Garcia reviewed the process for electing officers of the board as found in the EDA's bylaws. President Francis called for nominations. Tom Seaberg nominated the following officers, which he moved for approval in a single motion:

Lori Hansen – Vice President  
Ryan Garcia – Secretary  
Clara Hilger – Assistant Treasurer

After successive calls no further nominations were received.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Seaberg moved and Commissioner Kaliszewski seconded the election of Lori Hansen as Vice President, Ryan Garcia as Secretary, and Clara Hilger as Assistant Treasurer for 2021.

Motion carried            7 ayes / 0 nays

### B. Redevelopment Grant Application – Resolution 2021 - 1

Mr. Garcia provided an overview of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Redevelopment Grant program, and identified that costs related to demolition, asbestos abatement, soil correction and stormwater management related to “The Yards” redevelopment project are eligible for funding assistance through the program. Mr. Garcia requested board action on Resolution 2021 – 1 and authorization to submit an application to DEED for this project. Commissioner Seaberg clarified that if the application was unsuccessful, additional negotiation with the developer may be necessary to address a remaining funding gap, but the proposed grant if awarded would eliminate any gap.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Seaberg moved and Commissioner Hansen seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2021 – 1.

Motion carried            7 ayes / 0 nays

## 6. FUTURE FOLLOW-UP

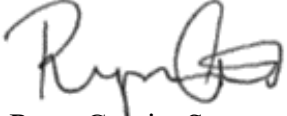
Commissioner Dewey requested an update on various COVID relief assistance made available through the City, Dakota County, State of Minnesota, and Federal government. Mr. Garcia noted that the City's \$150,000 grant program had been exhausted, with over 30 businesses receiving assistance. Additional funds were available through Dakota County and the State of Minnesota specifically for businesses in the food and beverage industry.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion/ Second: Commissioner Kaliszewski moved and Commissioner Dewey seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Motion carried          7 ayes / 0 nays

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Garcia", written over a horizontal line.

Ryan Garcia, Secretary