

**CITY OF HANOVER
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2023**

Call to Order

Chair Bartels called the regular EDA meeting of November 16, 2023 to order at 8:00 a.m. Present were members Todd Bartels, Tony Ross, Jessica Johnson, Tom Dierberger and MaryAnn Hallstein. Absent were Ted Zrust and Brian Dismang. Also present were City Administrator Jennifer Nash and City Planner Cindy Nash.

Approval of Agenda

The group discussed moving the commercial study discussion up on the agenda as there was a visitor for that subject. A motion was made by Hallstein and seconded by Johnson to **approve the agenda**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from October 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Ross to **approve minutes of October 12, 2023 as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Accounts Payable and Financial Reports

Johnson noted the two loans are current. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dierberger to **approve the Accounts Payable and Financial Reports as presented**. All in favor. Motion carried.

Citizen's Forum

None

New Business

- Commercial Property Study

Planner Nash introduced two proposals from Maxfield Research for study of commercial development needs. One is narrower in scope and targeted for information needed to understand the Schirmer parcel better relating to a pending application for rezoning from commercial to residential. The second option is a wider scope to include more analysis of commercial development needs and viability in Hanover as a whole. The developer proposing the rezoning on the Schirmer farm property would fund the smaller scope proposal, and EDA could consider funding the difference to have the wider scope completed if they feel it would be an investment they would like to make. EDA members discussed differences between the two proposals.

A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Johnson to authorize EDA funding of the difference between the two proposals and request expedited turnaround of the results including EDA financial contribution of up to \$1500 extra if 90-day turnaround is possible for expedited review of the Schirmer farm property. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Design Team Ideas List

Administrator Nash presented a list of possible projects that could be pursued with ideas stemming from the Design Team visit including groups that may wish to take the lead on those projects. Bartels noted

there are some on the list that are immediate action items that staff should place focus on such as the Hwy 19 project design and features the City has influence over that may improve the appearance of the corridor. Nash noted Council will be reviewing landscaping, lighting and pedestrian crossing options at an upcoming meeting. EDA requested input on options where possible as they may be able to help fund some upgrades. Possibility of features in the center of roundabouts was discussed including public art and/or City signage.

EDA Board and Staff Reports

- Bartels – requested staff share the city hall and ballfield locations with the commercial study consultant as potential development areas.
- Johnson – suggested entities on the list of design team ideas could decide which of the long list of project they would like to focus their energy on.

Adjournment

MOTION by Hallstein to adjourn at 9:28 a.m., seconded by Johnson. **Motion carried unanimously.**

ATTEST:

Jennifer Nash, City Administrator