

**OSSEO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2022**

1. ROLL CALL

President Poppe called the regular meeting of the Osseo Economic Development Authority to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 14, 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually.

Members present: Teresa Aho, Deanna Burke, Sherry Murdock, Duane Poppe, Larry Stelmach, and Alicia Vickerman.

Members absent: Harold E. Johnson.

Staff present: Executive Director Riley Grams and City Attorney Mary Tietjen.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Stelmach, seconded by Aho, to approve the Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried 6-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2022

A motion was made by Murdock, seconded by Vickerman, to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022, as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried 6-0.

4. MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR – None

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Grams presented the EDA Accounts Payable listing.

A motion was made by Vickerman, seconded by Aho, to approve the Accounts Payable. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried 6-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. CREATING COMPACT & CONNECTED COMMUNITIES PRESENTATION – Mic Johnson, FAIA

Grams stated Mic Johnson is a Design Principal with Architecture Field Office based out of Minneapolis. Mic has presented to various boards and groups about how to create compact and connected communities. Osseo is famed for it's historic, and walkable, downtown corridor, so it's only natural to think about the downtown Osseo landscape and imagine what makes for good redevelopment planning as the City and EDA continue to look towards new and exciting redevelopment ideas and proposals. Grams reported Mic has over 30 years of experience and while his portfolio spans much larger sites, it's worth learning his viewpoint on how to properly develop Osseo into the future.

Mic Johnson provided the EDA with a presentation on Creating Compact and Connected Communities by Transforming Underutilized Land. He discussed how the EDA should work to revision the downtown district. He commented on how important it was to create connections between existing urban and residential areas in order to enhance the walkability and livability of the community. The working principles for the design framework were reviewed in detail with the EDA which included how to create a vision, foundational elements, as well as parking and pedestrian requirements. He discussed the importance of defining a super block along with the space between buildings that becomes an important asset. He commented further on the design experience guidelines and the importance of making connections. He stated Central Avenue in Osseo was a tremendous asset to the community. He encouraged the EDA to consider how to intensely develop the areas behind Central Avenue.

Poppe thanked Mr. Johnson for his thorough presentation.

9. REPORTS OR COMMENTS: Executive Director, President, Members

Grams wished Commission member Johnson a speedy recovery.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Murdock, seconded by Vickerman, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Guenther
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