

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
DULUTH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Tuesday, September 13, 2011 - 5:15 p.m.
Room 405, City Hall**

MINUTES

Call To Order: The September 13, 2011, special meeting of DEDA was called to order by President Heino at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Jeff Anderson, Nancy Aronson Norr, Tony Cuneo, Todd Fedora, John Heino, Don Monaco, Christine Townsend

Others Present: Bob Asleson, Joan Christensen, Brian W. Hanson, Ken Johnson, Bronwyn Lipinski, Kevin Scharnberg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 27, 2011. Accept as written. Vote: Unanimous (6-0)

RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL

NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION 11D-41: RESOLUTION AMENDING AND APPROVING THE 2011 REVISED DEDA BUDGETS

Staff: Hanson highlighted the main changes since the last budget approval in May, including Atlas revenue expenses being deferred to 2012, which results in no 2011 land sales. Some NorShor Theatre line items changed because it is not in operation this year, there was slightly less TIF received in 2011 compared to projections, and significant title work is underway in Spirit Valley, slightly increasing District 3 expenses.

Discussion:

Vote to Approve Resolution 11D-41: Passed Unanimously (6-0)

Norr arrives 5:19 PM.

2. RESOLUTION 11D-42: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT WITH STANIUS JOHNSON ARCHITECTS, INC. RELATED TO THE NORSHOR THEATRE RENOVATION PROJECT

Staff: The amendment accounts for the changes to the plan scope for three main items; elevator service to connect the theatre and the skywalk, increased rental space on the Superior Street level, and incorporating a cabaret style theatre venue.

Discussion: Monaco asked how a cabaret venue compares to other venues in town. Hanson said it is similar to the Playground, but with more flexible seating. Townsend asked if this theatre would be in competition with others in town, and Hanson said he did not anticipate increased competition.

Vote to Approve Resolution 11D-42: Passed Unanimously (7-0)

3. RESOLUTION 11D-43: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LHB, INC. FOR LAND SURVEYING AND RELATED SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE ATLAS CEMENT PLANT SITE

Staff: We are coming to the limit on for this contract with the work LHB has been doing at Atlas, and there has been additional title and easement work for the site.

Discussion: Norr asked if DEDA would seek funding from the Brownfield redevelopment grant money. Hanson replied that will be a combination of money from the grant and some from the DEDA operating budget.

Vote to Approve Resolution 11D-43: Passed Unanimously (7-0)

DISCUSSION

1. INVOLTA EXTENSION

Hanson explained that the conditional grant agreement with Involta specifies a start date of September 1, 2011 and he has extended to October 1, 2011. The ground breaking ceremony is September 22, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: President Heino adjourned the September 13th, 2011 special meeting of the DEDA at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian W. Hanson
Executive Director

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