

Housing & Redevelopment Authority

March 16, 2021 – 6:30 pm

In light of the recently declared COVID-19 health pandemic, the Mayor of the City of Golden Valley declared a local emergency under Minnesota Statute, section 12.37. In accordance with that declaration, beginning on March 16, 2020, all meetings of the City Council held during the emergency were conducted by telephone or other electronic means.

The City used WebEx to conduct this meeting electronically. Members of the public were able to monitor the meetings by watching it on Comcast cable channel 16, by streaming it on CCXmedia.org, and by dialing in to the public call-in line. The public was able to participate in this meeting during public comment sections, including the public forum, by dialing in to the public call-in line.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Housing and Redevelopment Authority Chair Fonnest.

1A. Roll Call

Commissioners present: Chair Larry Fonnest, Commissioners Maurice Harris, Shep Harris, Gillian Rosenquist and Kimberly Sanberg

Staff present: HRA Director Cruikshank, HRA Attorney Cisneros, Physical Development Director Nevinski, Housing/Economic Development Manager Shoquist, Finance Director Virnig, and City Clerk Schyma

1B. Election of Officers

Physical Development Director Nevinski presented the staff report.

Motion by Rosenquist, Second by S. Harris to approve Maurice Harris as Chairperson for 2021.

Motion carried 4-0. (In Favor: Fonnest, S. Harris, Rosenquist, Sanberg. Abstained: M. Harris. Opposed: N/A)

Motion by Rosenquist, Second by S. Harris to approve Larry Fonnest as Vice Chairperson for 2021.

Motion carried 4-0. (In Favor: M. Harris, S. Harris, Rosenquist, Sanberg. Abstained: Fonnest. Opposed: N/A)

Chair Fonnest turned the gavel and meeting over to Chair Maurice Harris.

1C. Introduction of New Housing/Economic Development Manager

The HRA welcomed new Housing/Economic Development Manager Cherie Shoquist who then discussed her background.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Sanberg, Second by Rosenquist to approve the meeting agenda as submitted.

Motion carried 5-0. (In Favor: Fonnest, M. Harris, S. Harris, Rosenquist, Sanberg. Opposed: N/A)

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by S. Harris, Second by Rosenquist to approve the Consent Agenda as revised: removal of Item #3C - Approve HRA Resolution No. 21-01 Condemning the Use of Discriminatory Covenants, Discharging Discriminatory Covenants on HRA Property, and Supporting Participation in the Just Deeds Coalition.

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. HRA Work Session – February 9, 2021

B. Receive and File Previous Quarter's Financial Reports

~~C. Approve HRA Resolution No. 21-01 Condemning the Use of Discriminatory Covenants, Discharging Discriminatory Covenants on HRA Property, and Supporting Participation in the Just Deeds Coalition~~

3. Items Removed from the HRA Consent Agenda:

3C. Approve HRA Resolution No. 21-01 Condemning the Use of Discriminatory Covenants, Discharging Discriminatory Covenants on HRA Property, and Supporting Participation in the Just Deeds Coalition

HRA Attorney Cisneros provided a summary of the resolution and history of the Just Deeds Coalition. She also discussed the reasoning for the HRA to approve the resolution due to racially restrictive covenants on HRA property.

Motion by Fonnest, Second by Sanberg to approve HRA Resolution No. 21-01, Condemning the Use of Discriminatory Covenants, Discharging Discriminatory Covenants on HRA Property, and Supporting Participation in the Just Deeds Coalition.

Motion carried 5-0. (In Favor: Fonnest, M. Harris, S. Harris, Rosenquist, Sanberg. Opposed: N/A)

4. Public Hearing

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Adjournment

Motion by Rosenquist, Second by S. Harris to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.

Motion carried 5-0. (In Favor: Fonnest, M. Harris, S. Harris, Rosenquist, Sanberg. Opposed: N/A)

Maurice Harris, Chair

ATTEST:

Theresa Schyma, City Clerk