

Madison Redevelopment Commission
April 7, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.
Minutes

NOTE: Due to restrictions by the Governor’s mandate of social distancing because of the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by Zoom technology.

Call to Order: President John Grote

Members present: John Grote, Joe Craig, Dan Hughes, Jeff Studebaker, Cary Strouse and Michael Gasaway (non-voting school advisor)

The regular meeting was recessed by President Grote in order to hold a Public Hearing on Resolution 3-2020, a resolution to amend the economic development plan for the North Madison Economic Development Area. Commission Attorney Joe Jenner explained that the Public Hearing had been advertised in the Madison Courier as required by statute and the agenda and documents placed on the City’s Website for the public to view and for questions or comments to be made available by the public to the Commission. No comments were received. Matt Wirth, the City’s Economic Director, confirmed that there were no comments and told the Commissioners that this Resolution was to confirm the 2020-3 Resolution, that was to approve the change in the plan, had been approved by the Plan Commission and City Council by Resolution which was required as a part of the process. There were no questions or comments by any of the Commission members and President Grote closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the regular meeting of the Commission.

Approval of minutes from March 9, 2020 meeting: Motion to approve: Dan Hughes; 2nd, Jeff Studebaker; all approved.

Claims:

Barnes & Thornburg	\$ 8,772.00
City of Madison Pace Fund	150,000.00
Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz	5,159.10
QK4	3,130.00
Sedam Contracting (Industrial Drive)	35,529.80
Sedam Contracting (Riverside Tower)	43,467.25
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Total Claims	\$246,058.15

Motion to approve the claims by Jeff Studebaker and seconded by Cary Strouse. Approved by 5-0 vote.

The Commission did not have any old business to consider, but under new business, two Resolutions were on the agenda. Resolution 2020-3, the confirming Resolution of the Plan Amendment as mentioned earlier in the Public Hearing was read by heading. Motion to

approve was by Joe Craig and was seconded by Cary Strouse. The resolution was approved by 5-0 vote. Next was the reading by heading of Resolution 2020-4 which was a resolution that dealt with various matters of the Madison Plaza area to include approval of two appraisals, ratifying conditional purchase agreement and authorizing publication of a notice of disposition of property. Motion to approve the resolution by Jeff Studebaker with a second by Cary Strouse. The resolution was approved by 5-0 vote.

Mayor Courtney stated that due to the present economic conditions and the effect of the Covid-19 problem in conducting normal business, the August 31st deadline in the acquisition agreement may need to be revisited to allow the two potential developers more time for their due diligence requirements. The Mayor also informed the Commissions of several steps the City has taken to help alleviate some of the difficulties created by the pandemic. The Mayor discussed the City's Job Replacement Program and the planned Small Business Emergency Loan Program that would provide small business's some relief and out of work City citizens some short-term funds by providing temporary jobs, mostly for the streets and park departments. The City had received about 150 applications and was able to fill approximately 50 positions. Mayor Courtney also described the Community Outreach Program and how it was geared to help the elderly and handicapped citizens in obtaining necessary food, prescription drugs and other necessities if possible. John Grote and Cary Strouse complimented the Mayor on the efforts by the City to help the small businesses and the citizens of Madison during these difficult times.

The next scheduled meeting is to be on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall or via other means, possibly ZOOM if still necessary.

There being no further business, Cary Strouse made the motion to adjourn and Jeff Studebaker seconded the motion. Vote to adjourn was 5-0.

Joe Craig, Secretary