



CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Regular Meeting
Council Chamber
519 Washington Ave
Monday, July 12, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

MINUTES – Approved September 7, 2021 with correction

Call to Order @ 3:30 p.m. / Roll Call

Present: Joy Gaasch, Bob Monetza, Mike Fritz, Tom Braciak, Brook Bisonet, Jim Bonamy, Linda Weavers, Bill VanLopik

Absent: Eric Schmidt

Also Present: Elizabeth Butler, Amy Bessinger, Pat McGinnis

Approval of the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting.

Motion by Bob Monetza, second by Mike Fritz, to accept the minutes of May 3, 2021 meeting. Motion carries.

Call to Audience

No members of the public present to comment

Peerless Flats Brownfield Grant & Loan Agreements

Presentation and discussion of grant and loan documents from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

Grand Landing TIF – repayment to City

Amy explained the tax increment plan for the Grand Landing Brownfield project. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority had approved reimbursement agreements in 2006 that included a caveat that the BRA would repay the City for all payments made to pay bonds if the tax increments were not sufficient to meet each year's debt obligations. The Finance Department carefully tracked all tax collection and supplemental payments made on behalf of the Brownfield Authority to satisfy debt requirements. She shared a detailed spreadsheet showing the planned reimbursements to the General Fund from tax increment collections over the next nine years.

Correction Approved 09/07/21: During the Peerless Flats discussion, Linda Weavers noted that the date was missing from the agreement and that this should be added. This was corrected in office by Amy Bessinger for City records.

Harbor Island PFAS

The Board of Light and Power discovered contamination at the site of their ash pond impoundments, and there is an indication that chemicals from the PFOA/PFAS family are present in the groundwater. This is a significant discovery and will cause a response from MPART (Michigan PFAS Response Team). The City and the BLP will be working together to unravel the environmental protection regulatory scheme to best address the contaminants and assure that we take appropriate measures in the coming months and years.

It is likely that there will be some level of brownfield involvement, both Local and State. City staff will keep the Board in the loop as discussions and decisions are made.

Adjourn

Motion by Brook Bisonet to adjourn at 4:21 p.m., second by Tom Braciak. Motion Carries.

Next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on September 7, 2021