

**ROBBINSDALE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER:

1. The Robbinsdale Economic Development Authority (REDA) meeting was called to order by President Backen at 7:00 p.m.

MICROPHONE CHECK:

2. Complete.

ROLL CALL:

3. Members Present: Webb, Selman, Blonigan, Kline, President Backen
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Marcia Glick, Executive Director;
Rick Pearson, Community Development;
Richard McCoy, City Engineer/Public Works Director
Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director

#4A-B CONSENT AGENDA:

4. **MOTION** by Member Selman, seconded by Member Kline to approve and place on file the Consent Agenda Items #4A-B:
 - A. Motion to approve and order placed on file minutes of the following:
 - **Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2021;**
 - B. Motion to approve **Disbursement Requests** for period ending December 14, 2021.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#7: NEW BUSINESS: 2022 Proposed Budget:

5. Diaa Tahoun, Finance Director, noted 2022 Budget highlights, \$2.7M available cash.
6. Member Blonigan noted concern regarding restrictions on government investments. Working with local representatives to see if a statute could change that. Want to make sure the language would include EDA funds. Also discussed investment strategy.
7. **Motion** by Member Selman, seconded by Member Blonigan to adopt the resolution approving the 2022 Budget of the Robbinsdale Economic Development Authority and approved amendment to the 2021 Budget.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#9: INFORMATION ONLY: Project Update:

8. Glick reviewed progress at 3359 Halifax. 4600 Lake Rd development is underway, resolving parking issue for contractors. Two forgivable facade loans, Lions Gym and EMI, will meet requirements and be released in January at the 10 year completion point.

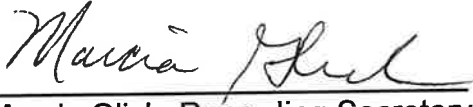
#10: REDA GENERAL COMMENTS:

9. Member Webb would like to consider discussing a land or building acknowledgment belonging to native nations.
10. Member Blonigan noted that block walls are starting to come up at 4600 Lake Road. A lot of progress is being made there.
11. Member Kline noted at the Government Advisory Committee at the school district it was noted that they have 81 staff openings, half are educational assistants and many are for special education. Typically, 100 staff are out daily with various absences. Only able to find 40 substitute teachers. The school district is hiring.

#11: ADJOURNMENT:

12. **MOTION** by Member Blonigan, seconded by Member Kline to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.



Marcia Glick, Recording Secretary



Pat Backen, REDA President