

BATTLE CREEK TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

A regular meeting of the Battle Creek Tax Increment Finance Authority was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at the Frederick R. Brydges Customs Cargo Center, BCU Board Room. The following individuals were in attendance: Messrs. Bowman, Christensen, Claywell, Czerney, Davis, Kreter, and McKernan, and Mmes. Darner, Fleury, Visger, and White.

Absent were: Messrs. Newsome and Stewart.

Also in attendance were: Messrs. Corder, Reid, Mumford, Sobieralski, and Mmes. Hovarter, Jones, and Young.

Mr. Christensen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Roll call of attendance was recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Kreter moved that the BCTIFA Board of Directors approve the August 14, 2018 minutes as amended and presented. Mr. Czerney supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

WATKINS ROAD/CONSUMERS ENERGY EASEMENT

Mr. Corder stated this project was discussed at a previous meeting. Staff met with the Consumers Energy representative responsible for easement right of way. A new house is being constructed on Watkins Road across the street from BCTIFA-owned property. On the BCTIFA-owned property, there is an existing pole, and Consumers Energy needs to install an additional guy-wire to stabilize the pole in the opposite direction to service the line that will feed the new house. The easement calls for 15 feet in any direction around the pole.

The BCTIFA Board recommended revising the language to the easement to be a 30' square with the pole being the center line of the square.

MOTION: Mr. Czerney moved that the BCTIFA Board of Directors grant to Consumers Energy an easement, provided the easement is one which is a 30' x 30' square of land and the center of which is the existing pole. Mr. Bowman supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHAIR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

Mr. Sobieralski stated since the appointment of the new Chair, Erick Stewart, the BCTIFA Board needs to authorize the Chair to sign documents on behalf of the BCTIFA. The Resolution was distributed at the meeting. The BCTIFA Board Secretary, Steve Claywell will sign the Resolution.

MOTION: Ms. Fleury moved that the BCTIFA Board of Directors approve the Resolution authorizing the BCTIFA Chair to sign documents on behalf of the BCTIFA. Mr. McKernan supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ROBBINS BUILDING UPDATE

Ms. Jones reported the Robbins Building Committee met last Monday to discuss how they plan to move forward with the building. The Committee was informed that the developer is no longer interested in the project. There were several reasons why the project fell through. The BCTIFA is now responsible for four of the five units at the Robbins Building. Manpower is slated to move out of the unit at the end of November. Manpower found a new location on Capital Avenue near I-94.

Mr. Mumford reported the developer was working with Calhoun Community High School and they could not get the projections for the Calhoun Community High School enrollment to complete the project. The developer and Calhoun Community High School walked away from the project. The BCTIFA now owns the entire first floor units of the Robbins Building. The question is what do we do next.

SETTING OF A CLOSED SESSION

A roll call vote was made to go into closed session for discussion at 3:15 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Bowman moved that the BCTIFA Board of Directors go into closed session. Ms. Fleury supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

A roll call vote was made to return to open session at 3:24 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Claywell moved that the BCTIFA Board of Directors go back into open session. Ms. White supported the motion and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Open House – Battle Creek Unlimited is planning its Open House on Wednesday, October 17, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting ceremony and presentations will begin at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.