



Downtown Development Authority

City of Ecorse, Michigan

Minutes

Ecorse Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board Meeting

Thursday, February 4, 2022 – 6:00pm at City Council Chambers

Zoom ID: 3886354369, password: 5555 or call in at 312-626-6799 ID: 3886354369

1. Meeting Called to Order – 6:05 pm

2. Roll Call:

Johnny Gewarges, Chairman

Darcel Brown, Mayor Pro Tem

Gus Callis, Vice-Chairman

Harvey Ghuman

Jackie Brown, Secretary

Bob Reed

Lamar Tidwell, Mayor

Kelly Rose

Also present: N. Wolf (McKenna), Tim S., Reuben R.

3. Information

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Mayor Tidwell. All Ayes.

5. Approval of the e Minutes of the November 4, 2021, December 2, 2021, and January 6, 2022, DDA Meetings

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brown, seconded by Secretary Brown. All Ayes.

6. Old Business

- 1) Communications Plan
 - a. Board Member Callis volunteered to assist with sections of the Communication Plan over the upcoming months.
- 2) Spring Food Truck Rally
 - a. Staff delivered an update regarding the licensing requirements for a food truck rally and Board Members directed staff to further coordinate with Wayne County for a planned even inspection.
 - b. Board Members directed staff to draft a proposed food truck ordinance.
- 3) 2022 Calendar for Review – Motion Required

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and seconded by Mayor Tidwell to approve the 2022 DDA Calendar, with the acknowledgement that the March, April, and May meeting dates will be moved to accommodate Board Member Ghuman and Reed's scheduling conflicts. All Ayes.

4) FY21-22 Budget for Review – Motion Required

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and seconded by Secretary Brown to approve the draft FY 2021-2022 budget, as amended to remove the TIF line item and add the grant from United States Steel. All Ayes.

5) 2020-2021 Annual Report for Review – Motion Required

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Brown and seconded by Secretary Brown to approve the 2021 (FY 2020-2021) Annual Report. All Ayes.

7. New Business

None.

8. Next Meeting: March 22, 2022, 6pm at City Hall Council Chambers (remote option to be available for the public)

9. Public Comments

None.

10. Board Member Comments

- 1) City staff are currently working on 46 various public projects throughout the city, including 9 recreation projects. City Administrator Sadowski provided an update on select projects, such as the Pepper Park splash pad, that are planned for the upcoming year.
- 2) Board Members discussed the possibility of local businesses sponsoring light pole banners in front of their storefronts. Board Member Callis brought up “smart pole” digital banners, and Mayor Tidwell noted that the estimated cost for such a pole is around \$30,000.
- 3) Mayor Pro Tem Brown asked city staff if there are any tax incentives that could be offered in the DDA. City Administrator Sadowski responded that staff can investigate and that existing incentives are mostly for new construction.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Chairman Gewarges and seconded by Secretary Brown to adjourn at 6:53 pm. All Ayes.