

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
IN AND OF THE CITY OF ST. MICHAEL, MINNESOTA**

**February 22, 2023**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

**3:44 pm**

**Present:** Councilor Tom Hamilton, Councilor Scott Pedersen, Jake Seaquist, Nick Shultz and Yanal Almanasir. Community Development Director Marc Weigle and Engineering/Planning Assistant, Communications Specialist Katie Langland also present. Chad Vitzthum and Phil Hines were excused.

**Tour of Marksman Metals**

Prior to the meeting, Pete and Mike Scharber, owners of Marksman Metals and a few employees gave EDA the history of Marksman Metals, which began in 1976 as well as a full tour of the facility.

**Set Agenda**

Shultz set agenda as presented.

**EDA Business**

Almanasir was sworn in and introductions were made. Weigle informed members appointments for 2023 needed to be made for the following positions: Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Executive Director, and Clerk. Due to City Council policy, the EDA President can serve 2 years within a 5-year period, making Hines and Shultz eligible for an additional year. Hamilton/Shultz **moved** to keep officers the same for 2023 as they were for 2022, we well as Weigle as Assistant Treasurer, Executive Director and Clerk, and Katie Langland as Secretary with all voting aye.

**Consent Agenda**

Members Pedersen/Seaquist **moved** to approve the consent agenda as listed below. All voted aye.

- *Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2023, EDA Meeting*

**Naber Business Park**

Weigle suggested at the next EDA meeting we do not do a tour and instead review the bids and possibly interview potential buyers. He said two developers are interested in the larger lot.

**Business Breakfast**

Weigle suggested April 19 for the business breakfast. He said Jolene from the Wright County Economic Development Authority has confirmed she can speak and is looking for a second speaker after Jeff Benzinger said he couldn't make it. Weigle suggested we encourage more networking and bringing in an interactive component encouraging responses. EDA was in favor and would like to find out how often area businesses and developers would like to see this type of event happen, what the City should be doing for more growth, etc. Hamilton suggested roundtable

discussions. Shultz suggested we hold these events quarterly. EDA discussed bringing in potential sponsors to help cover food costs if we move to holding the event more frequently.

Hamilton exited at 3:58 p.m.

Seaquist/Pedersen **moved** to approve staff to book the caterer for the business breakfast on April 19, 2023. All said aye.

### **Joint work session follow-up**

Weigle referenced the joint worksession with Council and Planning Commission that was held on Wednesday, February 1. Pedersen asked about thoughts on the interchange and councils' goals. Almanasir asked about big box retail. Pedersen and Weigle confirmed that the future plan is to bring in bigger retail. Commercial business is what the residents said they desired at the workshop, said Shultz. Weigle said the retail won't happen without the interchange. Shultz inquired about the type of retail would locate in the area. Weigle said it would be helpful to develop a plan and start working towards it. Pedersen said we need a plan before we inquire about getting any funds for it.

### **Project Updates**

Weigle provided updates on various projects and developments, including Home Grown and downtown plans. Shultz said he would like to see a rendering to help visualize possibilities. Pedersen discussed downtown aesthetics.

### **Adjournment**

Members Pedersen/Seaquist **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. All voted aye.

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Planning Admin

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Executive Director