

City of Beaverton DDA Regular Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

Meeting was opened by Jason Blades at 5:15 PM at the Beaverton City Hall

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present

Roll Call:

Present: Jason Blades, Mayor Ray Nau, Christine Gerace, Scott Govitz, Cindy Trumble, Renee Lang, Kurt Grove, and (Lou Stornello arrived 5:24 PM)

Absent: Kelly Wyrembelski

City Staff: City Manager Shannon Sirpilla, City Treasurer Jodie Klammer

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 2024, with the following correction of Sparks Grant received of \$769,500, Motion by Mayor Nau second by Stornello to approve minutes as written. All voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Reports: Motion by Mayor Nau, second by Stornello to approve April financial report. All voting aye, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Trailhead Park DNR Improvement Grant: Govitz received an email update. The EGLE permit has been issued. The project is planned to bid out on May 22, 2024. Bids will be publicly opened on June 20th at the City Hall. The city has a light pole in stock and will also need to put a sign up for this project.
- DDA Property Sales: When the city purchased the Fassett home, the cost was around \$35,000 with the structure. After Sirpilla spoke with the realtor, they thought the market value would be \$25,000 for the commercial site.

New Business:

- Freeman Nursery will be hanging baskets on May 24th, and they will be planting flowers on June 1st. Sirpilla will get the dirt in the pots before June 1st and Govitz has individuals that will come and finish the flowerpots.
- Huntington Bank parking lot purchase agreement has been completed. At closing, the title company will re-word the legal description because it must be separate from the actual bank's legal description. Motion by Nau, seconded by Trumble to send the resolution to council for approval for the Huntington Bank

parking lot. At title closing, there will be a new survey completed.

- Sirpilla said the mulch needs to be replenished in the DDA district and parts of the city. The cost is around \$1,310 (\$25 per yard plus \$60 delivery fee). Motion by Nau, seconded Blades to replenish the mulch in the DDA district at a cost of no more than \$1000. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Beaverton City Downtown pitch: This is a cash opportunity for a business to do their pitch and go before a board of individuals. Then it is judged and there are different levels of awards. The highest amount that could be awarded is \$10,000. The goal is to create a new business in the city. There has been a lot of financial support that has been given towards the prize. They are asking the DDA to help support this project. The event will be in September at the GEM Theatre. Motion by Mayor Nau second by Stornello to include \$1,000 in next year's budget to go towards the Beaverton City Downtown pitch. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Presentation of Downtown on Brown Street by Shauna Puchel: Shauna discussed what would make her want to open a business in downtown Beaverton.

Other Communication:

- The Northwood University students completed the marketing and surveys. There were 130 surveys returned. There are some things that might lead people to look at business opportunities. Govitz said a full report will be coming out soon.
- Sirpilla discussed that she would like to see the Façade Improvement Program added back to the budget. Motion by Mayor Nau, seconded by Grove to add the \$10,000 in the budget for the Façade Improvements Program.
- Mayor Nau will contact the Arnold Center to see if they can help with watering flowers and weeding. He is also waiting to hear back from Michigan Works on hiring summer help.

**Motion by Mayor Nau, second by Stornello to adjourn meeting.
All voting aye, meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Jodie Klamer, City of Beaverton

