City of Beaverton DDA

# Regular Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025

The meeting was opened by Govitz at 5:15 PM at the Beaverton City Hall

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited by all present

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tenwalde, second Martin to amend the agenda and to add under new business item (e.) Kelly Wyrembelski resignation. All voting aye, motion carried.

# Roll Call:

**Present:** Cindy Trumble, Kurt Grove, Amy Tenwalde, Michael Martin, Autumn Matthews, Mayor Nau, Lou Stornello, Scott Govitz, Jennifer Harper

**Absent:** James Wyrembelski

**City Staff:** City Manager Shannon Sirpilla, City Treasurer Jodie Klamer, Director of Downtown & Community Development, Matt Lang

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2024**

Motion by Tenwalde, seconded by Grove, to approve the minutes as written. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Financial Reports:** Motion by Harper, seconded by Matthews, to approve December financial reports. All voting aye, motion carried.

**Old Business:**

* **DNR (Porter Street & Ross Street Corner Projects):** Sirpilla stated they are waiting to hear back from the engineer.
* **Sparks Grant connector walk update information:** Sirpilla stated

that the grant has gone out for bids, and some have been received. MLR Engineer has been selected. A meeting will be held next week to discuss the project. The contract has been sent to CMF DNR.

* **Land Bank Blight Reduction**: There was a change from the original plan to renovate 218 Glidden. This home has mold and asbestos, with removal costs exceeding $50,000. Lang stated that all three houses (218 Glidden, 210 Glidden, and 408 Doane) will now be demolished.
* **ORD Rural Readiness**: Lang stated we are working on a marketing and housing portfolio and still waiting to hear back.
* **EGLE Environmental Justice Impact**: Lang stated that the city was not selected for this grant.
* **MI Neighborhood 1**.**0**: MSHDA is still working on the applications. There will be a public meeting, and the lien process is ongoing. Construction is expected to begin in late spring.
* **MI Neighborhood 2**.**0**: Lang stated that no response has been received regarding this grant.
* **Upcoming Grants**: Lang applied for an application for a planning grant for new residential neighborhoods. Michigan Economic Development Corporation has funding available for multi-family housing. Govitz stated there are plans for a storm sewer study that was submitted for $65,000 and for one work around the dam for five separate plans to be written as necessary for the federal government for $260,000.
* **Huntington Bank Parking Lot Update**: Sirpilla said we don’t have the paper by the end of the month for parcel split, this property will not meet the 2025 for the split. The purchase agreement is signed, and the assessor is working on the split. Harper is going to reach out to Huntington Bank.

**New Business:**

**Michigan State University Planning Program –** The Michigan StateUniversity Planning Programwill bring students from the university, along with their facility, to conduct a study focused on the available and current parking situation in our downtown, as well as street and traffic flow. At the end of the study, they will present their findings. The cost is $3,500. Sirpilla and Lang will assist by providing local insights that the students may need. Motion by Grove, seconded by Trumble to approve Lang to participate with Michigan State University Planning Program for a cost of $3,500. All voting aye, motion carried.

* **MEDC Redevelopment Ready Community:** Lang stated that the city is aware of what items are needed to earn Essentials Designation by MEDC, he will continue to work with City Staff to get the items needed. This designation creates opportunities for grants and technical assistance from MEDC regarding Community and Downtown Development.
* **Director Updates:** See attached report
* **Kelly Wyrembelski Resignation:** Motion by Tenwalde, seconded by Harper, to accept with regrets Kelly Wyrembelski’s resignation. All voting aye, motion carried

**Communications:**

Gerace gave information on the Gladwin Conservation District canoe race, which will be held on Memorial Day weekend.

Motion by Grove, seconded by Stornello, to adjourn meeting at 5:45 pm. All voting aye, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jodie Klamer, City Treasurer