

ANN ARBOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

DDA Offices, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Place: DDA Office, 150 S. Fifth Avenue, Suite 301, Ann Arbor, 48104

Time: DDA Chair Gary Boren called the meeting to order at 10:03 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Boren, Newcombe Clark, Leah Gunn, John Hieftje, Joan Lowenstein, John Mouat, Keith Orr, John Splitt

Arrived Late: Roger Hewitt

Absent: Russ Collins, Bob Guenzel, Sandi Smith

Staff Susan Pollay, Executive Director

Present: Joe Morehouse, Deputy Director
Amber Miller, Planning & Research Specialist
Julie Uden, Management Assistant

Audience: Dave Askins, *Ann Arbor Chronicle*
Mark Lyons, Republic Parking System
Sabra Briere, City Council
Steve Kunselman, City Council
Andrew Cluley, WEMU
Adrian Iraola, Park Avenue Consultants
Ray Detter, Downtown Area CAC

SPECIAL MEETING PURPOSE:

DDA Chair Boren said that in late May the City brought to the DDA's attention a long-overlooked City ordinance regarding the DDA's TIF. Based on initial understandings, the DDA voted to provide funds to the taxing authorities for a perceived overage received by the DDA. But over the past many weeks the DDA's Attorney took the time for a more deliberative review. Mr. Boren said that under the Michigan Open Meetings Act there is a provision allowing the DDA to enter into a closed session for an attorney client privileged consultation. He asked for a motion to go into closed session. Ms. Lowenstein moved that the Board enter into closed session to discuss attorney client privileged communications. Ms. Gunn seconded the motion.

A roll call vote on entering into closed session showed:

AYES: Boren, Clark, Gunn, Hieftje, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Splitt

NAYS: None

Absent: Collins, Guenzel, Hewitt, Smith,

The motion was approved.

The DDA Board exited the meeting at 10:06 am.

Mr. Hewitt enters and joins the board in closed session.

The DDA Board reentered the DDA conference room at 11:00 am. Ms. Gunn moves that the DDA board go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lowenstein.

A vote on the motion to enter back into open session showed:

AYES: Boren, Clark, Gunn, Hewitt, Hieftje, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Splitt

NAYS: None

Absent: Collins, Guenzel, Smith,

The motion was approved.

Mr. Boren said the board has come back with a resolution and would like someone to move the resolution. Ms. Lowenstein moved and read out loud the following resolution.

RESOLUTION REGARDING DDA TIF DISTRIBUTION

Whereas, The City has an ordinance on DDA Tax Increment Financing (TIF);

Resolved, The DDA accepts the general guidance of its DDA attorney regarding the DDA Tax Increment Financing distribution, and based on the City ordinance, no redistribution to relevant taxing authorities is required.

Ms. Gunn seconded the resolution. Mr. Boren opened table for discussion. With no deliberation on the resolution, Mr. Boren asked for a vote.

A vote on the resolution showed:

AYES: Boren, Clark, Gunn, Hewitt, Hieftje, Lowenstein, Mouat, Orr, Splitt

NAYS: None

Absent: Collins, Guenzel, Smith,

The resolution was approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no other business, Mr. Hieftje moved and Ms. Gunn seconded the motion to adjourn. Mr. Boren declared the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pollay, Executive Director