



**City of Newport
Newport Economic Development Authority Minutes
May 18, 2017**

1. CONVENE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

President Lund called the Regular NEDA Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Commission Members Present – Dan Lund, Bill Sumner, Tracy Rahm, Kevin Chapdelaine (7:01p.m.), Roz Johnson

Commission Members Absent -

B. Review Agenda

Admin. Hill - I have a couple of announcements at the end.

Motion by Sumner, seconded by Rahm, to approve the agenda as amended. With 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, the motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sumner, seconded by Lund, to approve the April 20, 2017 NEDA minutes as presented. With 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, the motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. Façade Improvement Grant

Admin. Hill presented on this item as outlined in the May 18, 2017 NEDA packet.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Sumner, to approve Resolution No. 2017-2 entering into a loan agreement with Shane Tyson. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

B. Purchase Agreement for Kaiser Lots for \$70,000

Admin. Hill presented on this item. The City offered the owner of the two Kaiser lots (north of Lions Park) \$70,000 for them. The owner's accepted.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Rahm, to approve the purchase agreement for the Kaiser Lots for \$70,000. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Admin. Hill - A couple updates. I received an email from Advanced Disposal and they are planning on selling the office building and asked if the City was interested in purchasing it. I don't see any need but thought I would ask the Council. They don't have a suggested sale price.

President Lund - Do they still have an active CUP?

Asst. to the City Admin. Eisenbeisz - It is still active because they have the two employees working there.

Admin. Hill - I will be talking to them about the condition of the building when I meet with them on June 1st.

Commissioner Sumner - I would like us to consider getting a price for a possible City Hall.

Admin. Hill - It will need some work.

Commissioner Chapdelaine - It wouldn't meet EDA requirements.

President Lund - We don't have \$7 million for a new building. I know people are working hard on that report but I think it's worth exploring other options to see if we can improve things for a while. Maybe take a look at the building as well to see if it would work for a City Hall.

Admin. Hill - Maybe we could get our consultant to walk through it to get a ballpark idea of what would need to be done.

President Lund - Maybe we could get creative on how to use the building and only have City Hall downstairs so we don't have to get an elevator.

Admin. Hill - We have a facility committee meeting on Monday so we can discuss it then. Secondly, I got an email from Scannell and they are close to signing a tenant to take 1/3 of the smaller building, which is 80,000 sq. ft. The tenant needs to be in by mid-December so they would like to expedite the process as much as possible.

4. ADJOURN

Motion by Chapdelaine, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the regular NEDA meeting at 7:17 p.m. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.

Signed: _____
Dan Lund, President

Respectfully Submitted:

Renee Eisenbeisz
Assistant to the City Administrator