



Minutes

Legal and Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

November 7, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

Fitness365 North 4th Street

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Mr. Little	Chairman (President)
Mr. Moore	Vice Chairman (Present)
Mr. Campbell	Secretary (Present)
Mr. Godin	Treasurer (Present)
Mr. Wright	(Present)
Mr. Jones	(Present)
Mr. Dhaliwal	(Absent)

An invocation was given by Rev. Moore.

On motion of Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Jones the September 12, 2022, minutes were unanimously approved. The president table action on the August 8, 2022, minutes until corrections could be made.

President Little led the board in the review of four committees he has appointed to begin implementation of the SEDD 25-year plan. The committees are: Housing, Goodin chairperson; Infrastructure, Campbell, chairperson; DBE, Little chairperson and Safe Neighborhoods, Wright chairperson. He said the procedure SEDD would follow is that each of the committees would

get community input and report two priority projects from the city council approved plan. Altogether SEDD will have eight projects underway in 2023.

A report of the treasurer, Mr. Goodin, on the results of the auditor's compilation report was tabled. Mrs. Harper, the auditor, was to call into the meeting to explain the report but did not connect.

On motion of Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Little the board unanimously accepted the proposal of Rebirth Designs for the creation of a website for SEDD. The proposal includes website development, creation, implementation, SEDD training and (3) three years of web-hosting services.

- Rebirth Designs requires a \$2500 initial deposit to begin the process.
- Project budget not to exceed \$15,000.00
- Rebirth Designs bid Attached
- \$2500.00 deposit should be submitted for payment within three business days of board approval.

Concern was expressed by Kenya Roberson that, in the future, consideration be given to local companies. Another person, Vee Wright, said SEDD should not always consider the lowest offer because some minorities may not have the resources to make the lowest offer but they can do the work.

On Motion of Mr. Wright seconded by Mr. Jones the board decided to refer a proposal to allocate \$75,000 from the general fund for infrastructure, engineering, and architectural work for New Health Chiropractic Clinic to the infrastructure committee to be reported back to the board for action once with engineering and legal review is complete.

Voting AYE: Wright, Little, Jones, Goodin

Voting NAY: Rev. Moore, Campbell

The motion carried.

There was a general discussion of the mayor's TIF offer led by Mr. Goodin. He said he, Rev. Campbell and Mr. Theus tossed around ideas to make an offer to the mayor but nothing has been done.

It was noted during the ensuing discussion that in the August 8, 2022 meeting, the SEDD approved what it wanted in a TIF plan and sent it to the city council. Mr. Theus differed with board approved plan. He said it was flawed because it referred to the wrong enabling statute in one place. There was input from citizens including Rev. C.R. Jackson, Senator Katrina Jackson and others. All speakers were opposed to any offer from the mayor that would cancel SEDD's ability to call for a sales tax if needed.

No Action was taken on any TIF plan.

After 2 hours and 21 minutes, the meeting was adjourned.

