

PORT AUTHORITY OF WINONA MINUTES

DATE: November 21, 2019

PRESENT: Commissioners: Cichanowski, Johnson, Thurley, Borzyskowski, Gorman and Executive Secretary Sarvi

ABSENT: Commissioners Hansen and Lucas

STAFF PRESENT: Director of Community Development Lucy McMartin, Finance Director Mary Burrichter, Park Recreation Director Chad Ubl, and Development Coordinator Myron White

1. CALL TO ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Commission President Cichanowski. A motion was made by Commissioner Thurley and seconded by Commissioner Borzyskowski to approve the September 12, 2019 minutes. The motion carried with all Commissioners present voting aye.

2. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT

President Cichanowski reported that the Port had been awarded an Innovative Business Public Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Department of Employment and Economic Development. Thanks to Myron White, Development Coordinator, who worked on this.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Flyway Trail: Bridging the Bluffs

David Schmidt & Ellen Hungerholt representing the Flyway Trail made a request of \$20,000 to support the \$1.2 million capital fundraising campaign to construct the Wisconsin Flyway Trail. The proposed Port Authority funding would help make the connection from Winona to Wisconsin's Great River Trail. Mr. Schmidt fielded several questions regarding project timing, the physical connection to the trail and other sources of funding for the trail. Chad Ubl of Park & Recreation spoke about the Latsch Island connection to the trail.

The issue was tabled with the understanding that a clearer picture of the use of proposed Port Authority funds being targeted to the City portion of the path would be presented at the Port's December 12th meeting.

B. Feasibility and Needs Assessment: Hotel-60 Main

Director of Community Development McMartin provided an Executive Summary/Overview of the 60 Main hotel study conducted by Newmark, Knight, Frank. One item highlighted since the initial 60 Main RFP was that "demand generators" had changed over the past couple of years. The

conclusion of the study was that a 60 room moderately priced hotel facility could work at the 60 Main location. It is important to note that the study is specific to the 60 Main site.

The next step will be to review the upcoming Downtown Strategic plan and see how 60 Main fits into Downtown's future. No action was taken; further direction will come upon Strategic Plan review

C. Tax Forfeited Property: Habitat for Humanity

Director of Community Development McMartin reported that a Winona property has undergone tax forfeiture. The strategy proposed is the property could be sold to the Port Authority with the understanding that the property would then be transferred to Habitat for Humanity. Director McMartin requested permission to approve the concept and move forward to present a plan for acquisition.

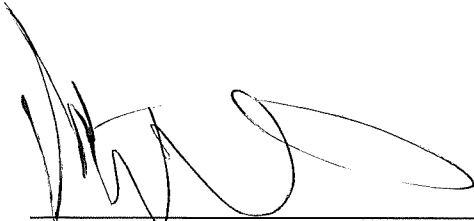
A motion was made by Commissioner Borzyskowski and seconded by Commissioner Thurley to move forward with such a plan. The motion carried with all Commissioners present voting aye.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

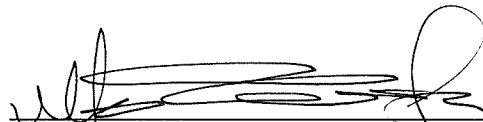
Finance Director Burrichter indicated there were no unusual expenses or revenues.

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.



Myron White
Development Coordinator



Mike Cichanowski
President