

Minutes of the Syracuse City Redevelopment Agency Special Meeting, October 8, 2024.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Syracuse City Redevelopment Agency of October 8, 2024, at 6:29 p.m., held in a hybrid in-person/electronic format via Zoom, meeting ID 897 1384 8348, in-person in the City Council Chambers at 1979 W. 1900 S., and streamed on the Syracuse City YouTube Channel in accordance with House Bill 5002, Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, signed into law on June 25, 2020.

Present:	Members:	Jennifer Carver Brett Cragun Julie Robertson Jordan Savage Paul Watson
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Mayor Dave Maughan
City Manager Brody Bovero
City Recorder Cassie Z. Brown

City Employees Present:

Administrative Services Director Stephen Marshall
City Attorney Colin Winchester
Fire Chief Aaron Byington
Police Chief Garret Atkin
Parks and Recreation Director Kresta Robinson
Public Works Director Robert Whiteley
Communications Specialist Kara Finley

1. Meeting Called to Order/Adopt Agenda

Mayor Maughan called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. as a special meeting, with notice of time, place, and agenda provided 24 hours in advance to the newspaper and each Boardmember.

BOARDMEMBER CARVER MOVED TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. BOARDMEMBER ROBERTSON
SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.

2. Consider authorization of Reimbursement Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) and Heritage Lane Commercial Plaza for funding of multi-tenant signage, located at approximately 1747 S. Heritage Lane.

A staff memo from the Community and Economic Development (CED) Director explained The city has received a request from Heritage Lane Commercial Plaza, asking the city RDA to help pay for signage at their development. The original signage that was installed when the buildings were built are in need of replacement. They are requesting approximately \$24,000 dollars for their signs. The development is located at approximately the intersection of Antelope Drive and Heritage Lane. The project is zoned Commercial/Mixed Use and is within the Town Center Overlay Zone. The overlay zone has special signage requirements. The signage designs provided have not been reviewed for compliance with city signage ordinances and would be required to obtain proper permits and may need to be adjusted according to staff review. The project sits within the 'SAD CDA' project. The full name is the Syracuse Antelope Drive Community Development Area. The project area has previously committed to offer property tax rebates towards two buildings. Those rebates are conditional, are post-performance, and have not rebated any taxes yet. Also, the RDA recently assisted Don's meats with some parking lot cross-access improvements. On June 30, 2024, the SAD CDA had a total ending balance of \$475,062.17. The memo referenced supporting information and a letter from the requester detailing the rational about why they feel the request is justified. The memo concluded the purpose of tonight's agenda item is to decide if the RDA should offer an incentive to pay for signage. Also, it is to be decided if the full amount, or only a percentage of the requested amount should be issued. If only a percentage of the requested amount is determined to be most prudent, council must decide what percentage is proper. Options discussed are 50 percent of requested, or a round number such as \$10,000.

Mayor Maughan facilitated discussion among the Board and staff regarding an appropriate amount to dedicate to the multi-tenant signage and the types of signage they are supportive of; they concluded to provide funding for the wayfinding signage listed as option “C” in the supporting materials.

BOARDMEMBER SAVAGE MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (RDA) AND HERITAGE LANE COMMERCIAL PLAZA FOR FUNDING OF MULTI-TENANT SIGNAGE, LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1747 S. HERITAGE LANE, FOR 'PROOF C' IN THE SUPPORTING MATERIALS AND BID FROM DAVIS SIGNS. BOARDMEMBER CARVER SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL VOTE IN FAVOR.

At 6:40 P.M., MAYOR MAUGHAN DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

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Dave Maughan
Mayor

Cassie Z. Brown, MMC
City Recorder

Date approved: November 12, 2024