

**CITY OF HERMANTOWN  
HERMANTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM Central

Council Chambers, City Hall - Hermantown Governmental Services Building

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Absent  
Councilor John Geissler: Present  
Dwayne Haapanen: Present  
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Present  
Councilor Ellie Jones: Present  
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Present  
Chad Ronchetti: Absent

**CITY STAFF:** John Mulder, City Administrator; Eric Johnson, Community Development Director; Joe Wicklund, Communications & Community Engagement Director; David Bolf, City Engineer; Steve Overom, Attorney, Heidi Timm-Bijold, Consultant

**VISITORS:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER :** John Geissler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **MINUTES**

A. Approve July 27, 2023 HEDA Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented. This motion, made by Councilor Andy Hjelle and seconded by Councilor Ellie Jones, Carried.

Chad Ronchetti: Absent  
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea  
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea  
Councilor Ellie Jones: Yea  
Councilor John Geissler: Yea  
Dwayne Haapanen: Yea  
Mayor Wayne Boucher: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

4. **MOTIONS**

5. **RESOLUTIONS**

*Roll call will be taken only on items required by law and items requiring 4/5's votes, all others can be done by voice vote.*

6. **WORK SESSION (Project Updates)**

John Mulder reported that Chad Ronchetti had submitted his resignation since he was taking a position with the City of Duluth. John encouraged the members to recruit people who might be interested in participating on the HEDA Board.

**A. Update on Hermantown Marketplace:** David Bolf, City Engineer presented the Preliminary Engineering Report and Feasibility Study to provide sewer, water, and a road into Stebner Park with the hope of encouraging development to the property adjacent to the park and the on the back parcels of the city owned land.

**B. Update on Hwy 53 Business Park AUAR:** The Alternative Urban Area-wide Review (AUAR) has been completed and has been sent to the landowners for comments

**C. Update on Greenhouse Development:** The TIF District has been approved by the City Council. P& R is requesting a development agreement to be approved by the City Council before they close on the purchase of the property which is scheduled for October 31, 2023.

7. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 5:48 p.m. This motion, made by Councilor Ellie Jones and seconded by Councilor Brian LeBlanc, Carried.

Chad Ronchetti:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Councilor Ellie Jones:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Yea
Dwayne Haapanen:	Yea
Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Recorded by:

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John Mulder, City Administrator

