

CITY OF HERMANTOWN

HERMANTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM Central

Council Chambers, City Hall – Hermantown Governmental Services Building

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Present
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Present
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Present
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Present
Commissioner Karen Pionk:	Present
Commissioner Rob Unzen:	Present

CITY STAFF: John Mulder, City Administrator; Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director; Eric Johnson Community Development Director; Steve Overom, HEDA Attorney

VISITORS:

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **MINUTES**

A. Approve January 23, 2025 HEDA Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented. This motion, made by Geissler and seconded by Hjelle, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Commissioner Karen Pionk:	Yea
Commissioner Rob Unzen:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. **MOTIONS**

4. **RESOLUTIONS**

A. Approve resolution allocating \$150,000 from HEDA fund balance to the City of Hermantown Housing Trust Fund

Motion to approve resolution as presented. This motion, made by Hjelle and seconded by Peterson, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Commissioner Karen Pionk:	Yea
Commissioner Rob Unzen:	Yea

- B. Approve resolution supporting the City of Hermantown application in an amount up to \$150,000 to the Minnesota Housing Trust Fund Agency Local Housing Trust Fund Grant Program and committing to adhere to the requirements of said grant

Motion to approve resolution as presented. This motion, made LeBlanc and seconded by Hjelle, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Commissioner Karen Pionk:	Yea
Commissioner Rob Unzen:	Yea

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

5.1 – Uptown Analysis of Residential Market Potential Presentation

Director Ronchetti reviewed the presentation with HEDA Commissioners. Director Ronchetti explained how this study provides valuable insights to potential developers and to the urban master plan.

6. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 6:10 p.m. This motion, made by Commissioner Hjelle and seconded by Commissioner Peterson, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Commissioner Karen Pionk:	Yea
Commissioner Rob Unzen:	Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Recorded by:

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Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director