

CITY OF HERMANTOWN

HERMANTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Thursday, June 18th, 2025 at 5:30 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:	Absent
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Present
Karen Pionk:	Present
Rob Unzen:	Present

CITY STAFF: Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director; Mia Thibodeau, HEDA Attorney;

1. ROLL CALL

2. MINUTES

A. Approve May 22, 2025 HEDA Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented. This motion, made by Pionk and seconded by LaBlanc, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

3. MOTIONS

4. RESOLUTIONS

- a. A public hearing was held on a resolution amending the adopted Business Subsidy Policy. No public was present. Director Ronchetti presented a comprehensive effort to review, update, modernize, and consolidate the framework guiding the provision of business subsidies, ensuring transparency, consistency, and alignment with current state requirements and the City's economic development objectives. The

Tax Abatement and Tax Increment Financing policies are intended to be subordinate to the principle Business Subsidy Policy.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Commissioner Pionk and seconded by Commissioner Unzen, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- b. Director Ronchetti presented the Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County to support half the cost of the traffic study related the Uptown Urban design project.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Commissioner LaBlanc and seconded by Commissioner Pionk, Carried.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. **WORK SESSION**

6. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 5:38 p.m. This motion, made by Commissioner Hjelle and seconded by Commissioner LaBlanc, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Absent

Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea
Rob Unzen:	Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Recorded by:

Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director