



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JUNE 19, 2023

AGENDA ITEM NO _____

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING

June 13, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kneffel called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Kneffel, Moniz, Goodhall, Carrier, Gudmundsen, Eldredge
Absent:	Waltenspiel
Also Present:	Brandon Skopek, Assistant City Manager / TIFA Executive Director; Andrew Hagge, Management Assistant
Guests:	None

LOCATION: Auburn Hills City Hall, Administrative Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Joint DDA and TIFA Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023

There was no discussion on the approval of the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Carrier to approve the Joint DDA and TIFA Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2023 as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Goodhall

Yes: Kneffel, Moniz, Goodhall, Carrier, Gudmundsen, Eldredge
No: none

Motion carried

B. TIFA Regular Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2023

There was no discussion on the approval of the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Moniz to approve the TIFA Regular Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023 as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Goodhall

Yes: Kneffel, Moniz, Goodhall, Carrier, Gudmundsen, Eldredge
No: none

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA**A. FY 2023 Adopted Budget and YTD Summary – May 31, 2023**

RESOLVED: To receive and file the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2023

Moved by Mr. Moniz to approve the Consent Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Carrier

Yes: Kneffel, Moniz, Goodhall, Carrier, Gudmundsen, Eldredge

No: none

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Funding Support of the Proposed Public Square Project**

Mr. Skopek presented a memo dated June 7, 2023. He noted that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has established a Revitalization and Placemaking Grant Program for Michigan communities to address COVID-19 impacts and community revitalization efforts. Eligible projects for this grant program include permanent place-based infrastructure associated with traditional downtowns, outdoor dining, and place-based zones, which would make the Public Square a perfect fit for this project. The grant requires a 20% local match and the maximum grant award is \$1 million per project. Staff is working with OHM Advisors on the grant application, which is due June 30, 2023. Grant awards will be announced this fall. He recommended that the Board authorize up to \$200,000 as a grant match for the Public Square, which equates to 20% of a million-dollar project. Staff will be adding additional shade features to the design to include additional comforts for guests.

Moved by Mr. Carrier to approve an amendment to the TIF-A budget in the amount of \$200,000 in support of the local grant match required for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Revitalization and Placemaking Grant Program for the proposed Public Square in downtown Auburn Hills. This budget amendment shall be contingent upon receiving a grant award.

Seconded by Mr. Moniz

Yes: Kneffel, Moniz, Goodhall, Carrier, Gudmundsen, Eldredge

No: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Mr. Skopek updated the Board that Cantina El Dorado, formerly Cantina Laredo, has requested to lease the TIFA-owned liquor license. Staff has worked with the City Attorney to draft a lease agreement, which will be before the Board for consideration at the July TIFA Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Carrier inquired about a memorial bench in Riverside Park that appears to be missing. Mr. Skopek will follow-up with the Department of Public Works.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled TIFA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Administrative Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Moniz to adjourn the TIFA Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Goodhall

Yes: Kneffel, Moniz, Goodhall, Carrier, Gudmundsen, Eldredge

No: none

Motion carried

The TIFA Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Steve Goodhall
Secretary of the Board

Brandon Skopek
Assistant City Manager / TIFA Executive Director