

Minutes

**Monroe Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 17, 2022
Council Chambers, Monroe City Hall**

Chairperson William Slicker called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

- Present: Mayor Robert Clark, Andy Clark, Robert Copp, Erik Drummonds, Scott Kegerreis, William Slicker, Malissa Whited
- Absent: Mary Hastings
- Staff: Michelle LaVoy, Clerk-Treasurer;
Annette Knowles, Downtown/Economic Development Coordinator

2. Vision Statement – Read by Mayor Clark

3. Additions/Deletions to the Meeting Agenda

4. Public Comments – None

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - ❖ Wednesday, July 20, 2022 Annual Meeting
- C. Financial Reports:
 - ❖ July, DDA Preliminary Itemized Expenditure Report FY 2022-2023
 - ❖ July, DDA Revenue and Expenditure Report FY 2022-2023

Motion by Mayor Clark, seconded by Kegerreis to approve items on the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried, all ayes.

6. Project/Work Plan Updates

Knowles mentioned the inclusion of the FY22-23 work plan. She invites leads to ask for guidance in starting their projects. Leads will report on progress in the months to come. From the prior year, the website is up and running, and updated as time permits. And, the lighting bids are due for the Riverwalk Connector project.

7. New/Other Business

A. Downtown Project Funding Requests- City Manager Vince Pastue

City Manager Pastue introduced two projects for which funding support from the DDA is requested. For 212 East Front, funds are needed to complete a schematic design for a retail operation. The board would like to see a proposal from the proposed architect before moving forward.

For the MLK Bridge, a comprehensive plan to rehabilitate the bridge is under consideration. Pastue requested funds to support decorative lighting. Kegerreis volunteered to serve on an ad hoc committee to oversee the project.

Motion by Kegerreis, seconded by Mayor Clark, to dedicate funds in the amount of \$100,000 for decorative lighting on the MLK Bridge to be applied in fiscal year 2023-2024.

Ayes: R. Clark, A. Clark, Copp, Drummonds, Kegerreis, Slicker, Whited; Nays: None.

Motion carried.

B. BIG Applications – 101 & 109 West Front and 15-17 West Front

A discussion was held concerning maintenance of buildings versus redevelopment of buildings and the purpose of the program.

A discussion was held concerning eligibility of applicants as it relates to payments owed to the City.

A discussion was held concerning the recommendations of the BIG Committee concerning the applications referenced above; they are for roof replacements only.

Motion by Copp, seconded by A. Clark, to accept the recommendation of the BIG Committee to deny applications for 101 and 109 West Front Street and 15-17 West Front Street. Ayes: R. Clark, A. Clark, Copp, Drummonds, Kegerreis, Slicker, Whites; Nays: None.

Motion carried.

C. Closed Session- Property Acquisition

Motion by Mayor Clark, seconded by Kegerreis to enter Closed Session to discuss Property Acquisition at 9:33 am. Ayes: R. Clark, A. Clark, Copp, Drummonds, Kegerreis, Slicker, Whited; Nays: None. ***Motion carried.***

Whited departed the meeting at 9:45am.

Motion by Mayor Clark, seconded by Kegerreis to reconvene to Open Session at 10:08am . ***Motion carried, all ayes.***

Motion by R. Clark, seconded by Kegerreis, to authorize the Chairman to follow through with action items discussed in closed session. ***Motion carried, all ayes.***

8. Board Member and Administrative Comments

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:13 am by Drummonds, seconded by Kegerreis. ***Motion carried, all ayes.***

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