

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL
DELTA COUNTY COMMISSION
CITY OF ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2019**

Pursuit to a special meeting notice posted August 16, 2019, the meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Marc D. Tall at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Delta County Service Center located at 2920 College Avenue.

Present: Mayor Marc D. Tall, Mayor Pro Tem Ronald J. Beauchamp, Council Members Ralph B. Blasier, Peggy O'Connell, and Michael R. Sattem.

Absent: None

Delta County: Commissioners Gerald Tatrow, Patrick Johnson, Theresa Nelson, David Moyle, David Rivard, Delta County Administrator Philip L. Strom, and Delta County Clerk Nancy Przewrocki.

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Patrick S. Jordan, Phil DeMay City Clerk, Media and members of the public.

County Clerk Przewrocki gave the invocation and led Council and Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

O'Connell moved, Sattem seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the agenda as submitted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion – 111 North 3rd Street – Proposed Development Agreement.

A discussion took place on the Proposed Development Agreement for 111 North 3rd Street.

- Delta County Administrator, Phil Strom, discussed the overview of the proposed development agreement for 111 North 3rd Street and the strategic public process.
- City Manager, Patrick Jordan, discussed the “Master Plan” and presented the City of Escanaba 2016 Master Plan YouTube video.
- City Assessor, James McNeil, said “A project like this is a healthy injection to the tax base that a community like ours really could use, and could potentially build momentum into that district.”
- Executive Director of the DDA, Ed Legault, discussed how the DDA has been

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heavily involved with this project. The DDA is very passionate about this project and excited to see what it will bring to downtown Escanaba.

- Executive Director of the Delta County Economic Development Alliance, TJ Thomas, said this project would link our entire community. Proxima and Hutton plan to use local trades, materials, and financing where possible, said Thomas.
- Dan Leonard, of the MEDC Community Assistance Team, said the project will serve as a positive example for development projects throughout the state of Michigan.
- Justin Hutton of Hutton & Hutton Architects & Engineers and Ravi Patel of Proxima delivered a presentation discussing their plans for the project.
- Ravi Patel, Proxima Operations Manager, discussed the conceptual project proposal and the different phases through the project. Patel said the project is expected to make use of local resources.
- Paul Caswell, member of the Planning Commission, discussed the concern of the moratorium section of the proposed contract.
- Phil Strom, Delta County Administrator, discussed the moratorium and how the proposed contract is still a living document.
- David Rivard, Delta County Commissioner, said we need to utilize the resources we have in our area. This project is a great opportunity to get the ball rolling in the right direction.
- Peggy O'Connell, City Council Member, said this is part of the reason I ran for City Council...is to try and get more development like this in downtown Escanaba.
- Ron Beauchamp, City Council Member, discussed the land contract options of Phase II.

NB-1 Blasier moved, O'Connell seconded, to approve the concept and instruct our administrators and ask the County to instruct their administrators to continue working with the Proxima and Hutton team towards an eventual formed contract.

Upon a call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Blasier, O'Connell, Beauchamp, Sattem, Mayor Tall
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Butch discussed how the Economic Development Alliance will help support this project in any way possible.

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Hearing no further business or public comment, Sattem moved, O'Connell seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Phil DeMay
City Clerk

Approved: _____
Marc. D. Tall, Mayor