

AGENDA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
JANUARY 19, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes – January 4, 2021

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to approve, table or deny the Consent Items as presented.

3. REGULAR ITEMS

A. MiniSota Play Café SAC Credit Policy Request

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to approve, table or deny a request by MiniSota Play Café for assistance through the SAC credit policy.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at _____.

AGENDA ITEM

Maple Grove Economic Development Authority

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2021

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Call to Order

Pursuant to call and notice thereof, an Economic Development Authority Meeting of the Maple Grove City Council was held at 7:30 p.m. on January 4, 2021 at the Maple Grove Government Center/Public Safety Facility, Hennepin County, Minnesota and online via WebEx.

Members present were President Mark Steffenson, Vice President Karen Jaeger, Secretary Heidi Nelson, Treasurer Judy Hanson, and Commissioners Phil Leith and Kristy Barnett. Absent was none. Present also were Joe Hogeboom, Community and Economic Development Director; Peter Vickerman, Planning Manager; Brett Angell, Economic Development Manager; Ken Ashfeld, Director of Public Works/City Engineer; and Justin Templin, City Attorney.

President Steffenson called the meeting to order at 8:44 p.m.

Oath of Office

President Steffenson administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Barnett and Treasurer Hanson.

Consent Items

A. Meeting Minutes – December 21, 2020

Motion by Vice President Jaeger, seconded by Commissioner Leith, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon call of the motion by President Steffenson, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

**Sewer
Availability
Charges
(SAC) Credit**

Economic Development Manager Angell requested the Authority adopt the sewer availability charge credit policy. He explained SAC fees are charged to new businesses upon connecting to the metropolitan waste water system. He reported when properties are redeveloped credits can be applied to the

**Policy – EDA
Resolution 27**

parcel. He commented further on the proposed changes to the SAC credit policy and recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Leith, seconded by Treasurer Hanson, to approve EDA Resolution 27 adopting the sewer availability charge (SAC) credit policy. Upon call of the motion by President Steffenson, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Treasurer Hanson, seconded by Vice President Jaeger, to adjourn to the City Council meeting. Upon call of the motion by President Steffenson, there were five ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by President Steffenson.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Nelson
EDA Secretary

REQUEST FOR EDA ACTION

January 19, 2021

DATE

EDA 3A

AGENDA ITEM

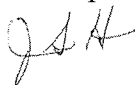
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AGENDA ITEM

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR
APPROVAL**

Community and Economic
Development

MiniSota Play Café SAC
Credit Policy Request



PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

At the January 4 meeting, the EDA approved EDA Resolution 27 adopting the sewer availability charge (SAC) credit policy.

RECOMMENDED EDA ACTION:

Motion to approve a request by MiniSota Play Café for assistance through the SAC credit policy.

COMMENTS:

At the January 4 meeting, the EDA approved the creation of a new sewer availability (SAC) credit policy to assist businesses entering the community with SAC charges. The EDA has the ability to utilize community-wide SAC credits that are captured from redevelopment projects. Eligible businesses through this policy are able to apply for up to 5 community-wide SAC credits or 80% of their total credit determination, whichever is lessor. Per the policy, the EDA must approve all requests for credits through this program.

The city has received a request for 4 credits from MiniSota Play Café. MiniSota Play Café is a combination of a coffee shop with imaginative play area for kids. The business is relocating from Champlin and has signed a lease to move into the Shoppes at Arbor Lakes in the former National Camera Exchange space. The business is owned by Mandy Wroolie, who is also a Maple Grove resident. A letter further detailing the request and additional information from the business is attached.

MiniSota Play Café is an eligible business for the program and has a demonstrated need for this assistance. With the COVID-19 pandemic, the business faced mandated closures and has been unable to operate since the closing of their Champlin location. The business has a total SAC charge of 5 credits, so the request for 4 credits is consistent with the requirement of no more than 80% of the total SAC fee. Staff recommends approval of the full request of 4 credits.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Business Request Letter



January 5, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The MiniSota Play Café is half Minnesota themed imaginative play area and half an amazing café serving Peace Coffee drinks. "Mini"sotans can explore the cities of Mini Grove, Infant Grove Heights, and Lake Minitonka. While Minisotans are playing, caretakers can catch up with friends, join in the play or just relax for a minute! The café is also open for take-out for people who aren't coming for play.

I am requesting four (4) community-wide credits to assist us in our relocation costs to Maple Grove. We just opened two years ago, had to move in the middle of a pandemic, and were only able to be open at full capacity for two months (Jan- Feb) in 2020. We specifically chose the space that we did (which had water usage throughout the space) to ensure we wouldn't have a large plumbing or SAC bill and budgeted accordingly.

The City of Maple Grove's assistance to me as a resident and small business owner is greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
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