



Southeast Side
COMMUNITY
Business District
Special Service Area 5

SSA 5 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2021

PRESENT

Dorothy Hudson
Bonnie Dinell-Diamond
Angela Hurlock
Laurentino Ramirez

ABSENT

Alex J. Alemis
Albert Garcia

SERVICE PROVIDER

Tom Schell
Dave Price
Diane Abbott
Cheryl Hipp

GUEST

Jim Savio, CPA, MAS Partner, Sikich
Laura Shallow, Royal Bank
Captain Kevin Salmon, AGB Investigative
Curtrice Bush, House of Mercy and Grace
Dom Moseley, Meraki House of Illinois Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There being no corrections or additions to the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

Presentation of the 2020 Annual Financial Report

James R. Savio, CPA, MAS Partner, Government Services, Sikich

Mr. Savio presented the two reports: SSA 5 Annual Financial Report and SSA 5 Auditor's Communication to the Commissioners and Management. There were two entries noted. The first entry was in regards to the bank account exceeding the amount allowed leaving the excess uninsured and uncollateralized. The second entry was the property tax revenue should be recognized in the year for which they are levied (intended to finance). Both entries are regarding procedural guidelines from the City of Chicago. Mr. Savio gave the 2020 Annual Financial Report the highest rating. After further review a motion to accept the 2020 Annual Financial Report was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

There being no corrections nor additions to the minutes, a motion to approve the March 25, 2021, meeting minutes was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Dorothy Hudson. Motion carried.

There being no corrections nor additions to the special meeting minutes, a motion to approve the March 31, 2021, special meeting minutes was made by Dorothy Hudson, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Financial Reports for the month ending March 31, 2021, were reviewed and discussed. Tom Schell reviewed the revenues and expenses for the month of March. After further discussion regarding the Financial Reports, a motion to approve the March 31, 2021 Financial Reports was made by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez Motion carried.

4. Cash Flow / Receivables

Tom Schell provided the commissioners with a copy of the March, 2021 bank reconciliation. After a discussion and explanation, a motion to accept the March bank reconciliation was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Dimond. Motion carried.

5. Items for Approval

Tom Schell presented the March and April invoices for payment approval. After a brief discussion regarding the invoices, a motion to approve the March and April invoices was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Dave Price presented the Security Rebate Application from Ayala Services Inc. Ayala Services Inc. proposed to add security cameras to outside and inside of buildings for protection of office and office personnel. After a brief discussion and review of the application, a motion to approve the Security Rebate Application was made by Laurentino Ramirez, seconded by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond. Motion carried.

Dave Presented the new SSA 5 Business Build Out Rebate Application. Dave Price explained the program eligibility, eligible improvements as well as the application process. After further discussion, a motion to approve the Business Build Out Rebate Application program was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Tom Schell suggested that the funding for the new Business Build Out Rebate program come from moving funds from 2.04 budget line item. Tom Schell requested to move \$21,081 for use in the new Business Build Out Rebate program and leave \$500 in the 2.04 bucket. A motion to approve the transfer of funds from 2.04 to a newly created Business Build Out Rebate budget line item was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

6. Program Manager Report

Dave Price presented the Chicago Alfresco Update. Dave Price stated that a Pro Bono group of architects are going to create the space between the 8900-9100 blocks on Commercial Avenue in the SSA 5. Dave Price informed that there is a planning meeting on Saturday and he has 20 confirmed attendees to help with the development plans. The project has a June installation date and is funded by a grant.

Dave Price said that Captain Salmon sent him options for the 2 officers on patrol which include adjusting the hours of coverage. Tom Schell suggested that he and Dave Price develop a schedule of hours and determine the cost increase so that it can be voted on by the next meeting. Captain Salmon will send a listing of the incidents, time of incidents, and the nature of the calls for review. Tom Schell requested this data be forwarded for commissioner review by May 20th so that the commissioners could bring to a vote at the May 27, 2021 meeting.

Dave Price reported that the bulbs planted last fall are blooming, some areas more than others. Dave suggested that the SSA 5 plant hardy perennials that will return every year. Dave Price said that the SSA can identify spaces to plant and build on these spaces every year by adding more plants. Dave Price informed that the streetscape project in the works has a substantial plant/landscape requirement and the SSA 5 will be on target with the efforts made so far.

Dave Price informed that the 4th District CPD Officer Appreciation Day was cancelled at the last minute in anticipation that there may be civil unrest with the jury verdict. The SSA 5 did still provide a delicious lunch from Dolce Café and a thank you card to each officer at the 4th District.

Dave Price informed that with the heavy snow in February, the Mexican American Social Club sustained roof damage and some damage to the upper portion of the mural. Dave Price said that both the roof and mural will be repaired. Dave Price believed the cost to repair the mural would be minimal.

7. Items for Discussion/Approval

Tom Schell informed that at the next meeting the commissioners would be reviewing the 2022 Budget Proposal and that he would like any feedback or suggestions prior to the meeting so that the agreed changes can be made.

Tom Schell asked the commissioners to review and provide any updates to the commissioner list he forwarded.

Tom Schell reminded the commissioners to complete the necessary online Ethics training the City of Chicago requests of each commissioner.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m. was made by Bonnie Dinell-Diamond, seconded by Laurentino Ramirez. Motion carried.

Next Regular Scheduled Meeting – May 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.