

**MINUTES OF A VINEYARD REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY BOARD MEETING**

City Council Chambers
125 South Main Street, Vineyard, Utah
March 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Present

Chair Julie Fullmer
Boardmember Tyce Flake
Boardmember Amber Rasmussen
Boardmember Mardi Sifuentes
Boardmember Cristy Welsh

Absent

Staff Present: City Manager Ezra Nair, Finance Director David Mortensen, City Attorney Jayme Blakesley, Chief Building Official Cris Johnson, Lieutenant Holden Rockwell with the Utah County Sheriff's Office, Community Development Director Morgan Brim, Public Works Director Naseem Ghandour, City Recorder Pamela Spencer

1. CALL TO ORDER

___ Chair Fullmer called the meeting to order at 8:43 PM.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 Approval of the January 25, 2023, RDA Meeting Minutes
- 2.2 Approval of Support for Funds to be Utilized for Economic Development Activities Related to World Trade Center Utah, instead using the entire amount on Economic Development Consulting

Chair Fullmer called for a motion.

Motion: BOARDMEMBER FLAKE MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED. BOARDMEMBER RASMUSSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIR FULLMER, BOARDMEMBERS FLAKE, RASMUSSEN, SIFUENTES, AND WELSH VOTED YES, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Chair's Powers

Affirming the chair's power to negotiate letters of intent as well as providing letters of support for previously approved projects with preapproved funds. The RDA Board will take appropriate action.

Chair Fullmer turned the time over to City Attorney Jayme Blakesley.

Mr. Blakesley gave a brief explanation about this item.

Chair Fullmer called for questions. She explained why she was asking for this approval and asked for the board's support.

Boardmember Flake commented that having served a long time with the mayor (chair) that she had reached out to him about some of these items when it was between meetings and there was no time to wait. He said that they were in a position where things came up quickly and required immediate action. He noted that the item would still come to the RDA for a vote, so the mayor (chair) was not acting out of hand. He said that he had absolutely no problem with reaffirming her rights and authority to do these things. He explained that the city was having to compete for rights, funds, etc. He said that the board did not take the time to go to all of the meetings that the mayor (chair) went to, and the board needed to give her the authority, which she already possessed, to act upon these items. He felt assured that she would not leave him hanging in the breeze.

Mr. Blakesley added that when appropriate the mayor (chair) sought legal advice, consulted with the RDA Board, the City Council, or city staff. He noted that she had the full view of the city's business, but it was the City Council and RDA Board who had the authority to bind the city, so any statement made by the mayor (chair) under this authority to support or to express interest in a project would be subject to later ratification.

Boardmember Welsh added that it was important for residents to understand the form of government the municipality had. She said that in Vineyard's form of government the mayor was the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for the city and the chair of the RDA Board. Part of the mayor's powers and duties was that the mayor could recommend for council consideration any measure that the mayor considered to be in the best interest of the municipality. She stated that she absolutely supported the mayor and chair of the RDA Board to do what needed to be done.

Boardmember Rasmussen felt that it was horrifying what the mayor and council had to go through and that there was no explaining to people that the mayor (chair) had that ability, legally. She hoped that people were paying attention and listening to what they were saying, and that she gave her full support to the mayor (chair) and that she appreciated that the mayor took action on some of these things of which she had the best view with her knowledge of the whole city.

Boardmember Sifuentes asked for clarification that they were affirming the chair's power to negotiate letters of intent as well as providing letters of support for previously approved projects with preapproved funds. Mr. Blakesley said yes, and the qualifier was that the mayor could not make commitments for the latter two unless they had already been authorized by the council or RDA Board.

Chair Fullmer explained that, even though a motion was not needed, she wanted to talk about this item publicly, so that the residents understand the transparency and how much the City Council and RDA Board cared about the citizens and their forward-facing views on doing things and being as clear as they could be.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fullmer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: BOARDMEMBER WELSH MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:52 PM. BOARDMEMBER RASMUSSEN SECONDED THE MOTION. CHAIR FULLMER, BOARDMEMBERS FLAKE, RASMUSSEN, SIFUENTES, AND WELSH VOTED YES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES APPROVED ON: April 12, 2023

CERTIFIED CORRECT BY: /s/ Pamela Spencer
PAMELA SPENCER, CITY RECORDER