

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN CITY OF BRANSON, MISSOURI MAY 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Branson, Missouri, met in Special Session in the Council Chambers of the City Hall on May 9, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Mayor Milton called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Hillary Briand called roll. Present: Mayor Milton, Alderman Artie Lucas, Alderman Ruth Denham, Alderman Clay Cooper, Alderman Marshall Howden, Alderman Ralph LeBlanc, Alderman Glenn Schulz. Absent: none.

REGULAR AGENDA:

1. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SIX AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH DHTC DEVELOPMENT, LLC TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CDBG-DR HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FIRST READING OF BILL NO. 6441 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SIX AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH DHTC DEVELOPMENT, LLC TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CDBG-DR HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO. Alderman Howden so moved, seconded by Alderman LeBlanc.

Alderman Schulz moved to amend Bill No. 6441, Section 5, Paragraph 1, by striking the words “in a form and amount reasonably acceptable,” from Exhibits 8 through 13, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Alderman Howden withdrew his second and Alderman Schulz withdrew his motion.

Alderman Cooper moved to amend Bill No. 6441 by amending Exhibits 8 through 13, the Development Agreements Section 1, Subsection A-5(1) by identifying the bank proceeds with the term (Bank Proceeds) at the end of the first sentence and restating the second sentence to read: In lieu of performance bonds, the Developer may provide an irrevocable letter of credit for 100% of the Bank Proceeds to Sub Applicant, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Vote on the amendment: Voting aye: Lucas, Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays none. Motion Carried.

Vote on the First Reading of Bill No. 6441 as amended. Voting aye: Lucas, Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays none. Motion Carried.

Alderman Cooper moved to read Bill No. 6441 for its final reading due to timing, seconded by Alderman Howden. Voting aye: Lucas, Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays none. Motion Carried.

The item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion approving FINAL READING OF BILL NO. 6441 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SIX AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH DHTC DEVELOPMENT, LLC TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CDBG-DR HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO. Alderman LeBlanc so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: Lucas, Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays none. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 2024-0041 was duly enacted.

Discussion.

2. A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR CDBG-DR FUNDS TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ELEVATE BRANSON FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS NEW HORIZON APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 210 GRETNA RD, BRANSON MISSOURI.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR CDBG-DR FUNDS TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ELEVATE BRANSON FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS NEW HORIZON APARTMENTS LOCATED AT 210 GRETNA RD, BRANSON MISSOURI. Alderman Cooper so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden.

Voting aye: Cooper, Howden, Schulz. Nays: Lucas, Denham, LeBlanc. City Clerk Hillary Briand announced there is a tie and the Mayor votes to break the tie. Mayor Milton voted to break the tie. Voting Nay: Milton. Motion Failed.

Discussion.

3. A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR CDBG-DR FUNDS TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ELEVATE BRANSON FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS THE TINY HOME VILLAGE LOCATED AT 350 GRETNA RD, BRANSON MISSOURI.

This item was read by title. The floor was opened for a motion to adopt A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR CDBG-DR FUNDS TO AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY ELEVATE BRANSON FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS THE TINY HOME VILLAGE LOCATED AT 350 GRETNA RD, BRANSON MISSOURI. Alderman Cooper so moved, seconded by Alderman Schulz.

Voting aye: Schulz. Nays: Lucas, Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc. Motion Failed.

Discussion.

4. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DOCUMENTS RELATED TO TWO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH ELEVATE BRANSON TO APPLY FOR DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CDBG-DR HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO.

The item was read by title. Alderman Lucas moved to postpone Bill No. 6442 indefinitely, seconded by Alderman Schulz. Voting aye: Lucas, Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays none. Motion Carried.

Bill No. 6442 was postponed indefinitely.

Discussion.

REPORTS

Alderman Schulz thanked Staff for the preparation and briefing on the grant process and for getting Alderman Lucas and himself up to speed on how these things work.

Alderman Cooper commented he thinks everyone here supports Elevate Branson and its heart for the community, but felt the cart was before the horse and he appreciates the postponement.

Alderman Lucas agreed with Alderman Schulz and expressed appreciation for Staff helping him and Alderman Schulz get up to speed on everything that's going on.

Alderman Denham expressed appreciation for City Staff and all they do.

Alderman LeBlanc feels tonight's meeting was special in a sense that the Board has talked so long about affordable, low-income housing and this meeting sets the precedence for how it's going to move forward.

ADJOURN

The floor was opened for a motion to adjourn. Alderman Cooper so moved, seconded by Alderman Howden. Voting aye: Lucas, Denham, Cooper, Howden, LeBlanc, Schulz. Nays: none. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Larry D. Milton
Mayor

Hillary Briand
City Clerk