

CITY OF HERMANTOWN

HERMANTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Thursday, July 24th, 2025 at 5:30 PM Central

Council Chambers, City Hall – Hermantown Governmental Services Building

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Present
Councilor John Geissler: Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Present
Councilor Joe Peterson: Present
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Present
Karen Pionk: Present
Rob Unzen: Absent

CITY STAFF: Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director; Mia Thibodeau, HEDA Attorney

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **MINUTES**

A. Approve June 18th, 2025 HEDA Minutes

Motion to approve minutes as presented. This motion, made by Pionk and seconded by Hjelle, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Karen Pionk: Yea
Rob Unzen: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

3. **MOTIONS**

a. Election of Officers.

Motion to elect Commissioner Geissler as Vice President and Commissioner LeBlanc as Secretary. This motion, made by Peterson and seconded by Pionk, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea

Councilor Joe Peterson: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Karen Pionk: Yea
Rob Unzen: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

b. Motion to establish the amount of bond at \$300,000 required to be provided by the Treasurer. This motion, made by Hjelle and seconded by Peterson, Caried

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Karen Pionk: Yea
Rob Unzen: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

c. Motion to approve Annual Report to the City. This motion made by LeBlanc and seconded by Hjelle, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Karen Pionk: Yea
Rob Unzen: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

d. Motion to approve for submission to the City Council a budget for 2026. This motion made by Hjelle and seconded by LeBlanc, carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher: Yea
Councilor John Geissler: Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle: Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson: Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc: Yea
Karen Pionk: Yea
Rob Unzen: Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- e. Motion to approve for submission to the City Council on the Enabling Resolution.
This motion, made by Hjelle and seconded by Leblanc, carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea
Rob Unzen:	Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- f. Motion to appoint depositories. This motion made by Hjelle and seconded by Peterson, carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea
Rob Unzen:	Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- g. Motion to approve an audit to submit to the City Council. This motion made by LeBlanc and seconded by Pionk, carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea
Rob Unzen:	Absent

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4. **RESOLUTIONS**

5. **WORK SESSION**

Presenters from the Damon Farber Landscape Architect team presented to the Board on the progress of the Uptown Hermantown Urban Design Master Plan project. The presentation described the community engagement, base data collection, and concept discussions to this point. The presentation also showed the anticipated schedule of activities remaining in the project.

6. **RECESS**

Motion to recess at 6:15 p.m. This motion, made by LeBlanc and seconded by Pionk, Carried.

Mayor Wayne Boucher:	Yea
Councilor John Geissler:	Absent
Councilor Andy Hjelle:	Yea
Councilor Joe Peterson:	Yea
Councilor Brian LeBlanc:	Yea
Karen Pionk:	Yea
Rob Unzen:	Absent

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Recorded by:

Chad Ronchetti, Economic Development Director