



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Economic Development Authority

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Monday, July 28, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 6:00PM REGULAR AGENDA

President Yoder called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- Present** 6 - Enoch Blazis, Board Member Randy Yoder, Jessica Peterson-White, Andy Beaham, Sean Allen, and Chad Beumer
- Absent** 1 - Donald Stager

*Also present: Ben Martig, City Administrator; Jake Reilly, Community Development Director; Nate Carlson, Economic Development Coordinator; Brenda Angelstad, Finance Director; Brian Whitt, Liquor Operations Manager; Emery John, Community Development Program Associate; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate*

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Board Member Beaham, seconded by Board Member Peterson-White, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Yes:** 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Beaham, Allen, and Beumer

### OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

*No public comment was received.*

### CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Board Member Peterson-White, seconded by Board Member Beaham, to approve the consent agenda containing the June 23, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes and the June 2025 EDA Financials. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Yes:** 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Beaham, Allen, and Beumer

1. [25-413](#) June 23, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes
2. [25-414](#) June 2025 EDA Financials

### BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

*Member Peterson-White invited the members of the EDA to the Friends of Downtown event on August 21, 2025.*

### REGULAR AGENDA

3. [EDA M2025-008](#) Review of Micro-Grant Application for Tin Tea, LLC

*Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson introduced Chau Truon, the owner of Tin Tea, LLC, who presented her application for a \$5,000 micro-grant from the Clement Shearer EDA Micro-Grant Program. Carlson reported that the Loans subcommittee of the EDA has recommended approving the grant. Carlson and Truon responded to questions and comments from the EDA.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Peterson-White, seconded by Board Member Allen, to approve the Micro-Grant Application for Tin Tea, LLC. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Beaham, Allen, and Beumer

4. [EDA M2025-009](#) Review of Micro-Grant Application for Awakened Healing with Leslie

*Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson introduced Leslie Reynolds, the owner of Awakened Healing with Leslie, who presented her application for a \$5,000 micro-grant from the Clement Shearer EDA Micro-Grant Program. Carlson reported that the Loans subcommittee of the EDA has recommended approving the grant.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Allen, seconded by Board Member Peterson-White, to approve the Micro-Grant Application for Awakened Healing with Leslie. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Beaham, Allen, and Beumer

5. [25-415](#) EDA Update on 5th & Washington Redevelopment Project

*Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson introduced Charles Burdick and Thomas Herzog of Streetfront Development who delivered a presentation on the feasibility of the 5th and Washington Street redevelopment project. Community Development Director Jake Reilly, City Administrator Ben Martig, and Senior Municipal Advisor at Ehlers Public Finance Advisors Nick Anhut provided additional context on the proposal. Burdick, Herzog, Carlson, and Reilly responded to questions and comments from the EDA.*

6. [25-416](#) EDA Update on Municipal Liquor Store Operations

*City Administrator Ben Martig and Liquor Operations Manager Brian Whitt delivered an update on Municipal Liquor Store Operations. Martig and Whitt responded to questions and comments from the EDA. Community Development Director Jake Reilly provided additional context.*

**A motion was made by Board Member Blazis, seconded by Board Member Peterson-White, to extend the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Blazis, Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Beaham, Allen, and Beumer

7. [25-417](#) Façade and Riverfront Improvement Grants Update

*Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson introduced EDA Intern Eli Allen who delivered an update on Façade and Riverfront Improvement Grants awarded since 2020. Carlson and Allen responded to questions and comments from the EDA. Community Development Program Associate Emery John provided additional context.*

8. [25-418](#) Staff Updates on Outstanding EDA Items and City-Wide projects

*Economic Development Coordinator Nate Carlson provided updates from City staff.*

*Community Development Program Associate Emery John presented an update on the Connecting Business and Community program.*

## **STAFF UPDATES**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**President Yoder adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.**