



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Economic Development Authority

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

6:00PM REGULAR AGENDA

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

- Present** 4 - Board Member Randy Yoder, Jessica Peterson-White, Donald Stager, and Chad Beumer
- Absent** 3 - Enoch Blazis, Andy Beaham, and Sean Allen

Also present: Ben Martig, City Administrator (via Zoom), Mikayla Schmidt, Interim Community Development Director; Emery John, Community Development Program Associate; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Pedro Torres Bermudez, Youth Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- Yes:** 4 - Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Stager, 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 Stager, to approve the consent agenda containing the September 29, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes and the September 2025 EDA Financials. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Stager, and Beumer

1. [25-578](#) September 29, 2025 EDA Meeting Minutes
2. [25-579](#) September 2025 EDA Financials

PRESENTATIONS

3. [25-580](#) Riverwalk Market Fair Fall Presentation

Community Development Program Associate Emery John introduced Derek Meyers, Market Director of the Riverwalk Market Fair, who delivered a presentation on the 2025 season. Meyers responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No board member or commissioner reports were received.

REGULAR AGENDA

4. [25-581](#) Micro loan Program Discussion

Community Development Program Associate Emery John presented a draft for a possible EDA Micro-Loan Program. John responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

5. [EDA M2025-021](#) Consider Approval of 2026 EDA Budget.

City Administrator Ben Martig presented the proposed 2026 EDA budget. Martig responded to questions and comments from the EDA.

A motion was made by Board Member Stager, seconded by Board Member Peterson-White, to approve the 2026 EDA Budget.. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Board Member Yoder, Peterson-White, Stager, and Beumer

6. [25-582](#) Discussion of Economic Development Authority future strategic planning retreat and opportunities related to leadership transitions.

EDA President Yoder delivered remarks on the future of the EDA and on rescheduling the EDA retreat originally scheduled for this month (October 2025). The members of the EDA, Community Development Program Associate Emery John, and City Administrator Ben Martig discussed opportunities for the EDA's future.

STAFF UPDATES

7. [25-583](#) Staff Updates on Outstanding EDA Items and City-Wide Projects

Community Development Program Associate Emery John, Interim Community Development Director Mikayla Schmidt, and City Administrator Ben Martig presented updates from City staff.

ADJOURNMENT

President Yoder adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.