



Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2022

Present: Ray Gillen, Brad Lewis, Karen Zalewski-Wildzunas, Sharon Jordan, Neil Golub, Todd Edwards, Robert Dieterich, Steven Rifenburg and Nancy Casso

Absent: Michael Angelozzi

Others: Jayme Lahut, David Hogenkamp, Tonia Lehoisky, and Jennifer Medler

Call to Order: Mr. Gillen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Zalewski-Wildzunas made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting; seconded by Ms. Jordan and approved.
- 2. Downtown Lighting Project:** Resolution 1521-22 — Adopt the General Project Plan
Resolution 1521-22 appropriated \$40,000 to establish a coordinated decorative lighting plan for downtown Schenectady. There are 8 separate lighting locations downtown on buildings, bridges, railroad trestles and statues that would be integrated into a thematic assembly of LED lighting programs. Funds would be used for professional services and purchasing theatrical lighting controls. With respect to SEQR, the action was characterized as a Type II action. The resolution was moved by Mrs. Zalewski-Wildzunas; seconded by Mr. Lewis and approved after discussion.
- 3. Downtown Parking Project:** Resolution 1522-22 — Adopt the General Project Plan
Resolution 1522-22 approved \$195,000 for improving services in the parking system. The most expensive item replaces the ticketing system in the Broadway Garage with a digital, cloud-based system that has become a standard feature at many Laz facilities nationwide. Metroplex would also purchase three Passport-compatible kiosks, or meters allowing cash or credit card payments at the busiest surface lots in downtown. The final purchase was budgeting \$30,000 for a small SUV for Laz Parking. Resolution 1522-22 was moved by Mrs. Zalewski-Wildzunas; seconded by Mr. Lewis and approved.
- 4. Five-Year Capital Projects Plan:** Resolution 1523-22 — Hold a Public Hearing
At the Governance Committee's February 4 meeting, it recommended adopting the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan. Resolution 1523-22 called for holding a public hearing as required by the Enabling Act to solicit public comment. After the public hearing, the plan can be considered by the Board and, when ratified, submitted to the County Legislature. Resolution 1523-22 was moved by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Mrs. Zalewski-Wildzunas and approved.
- 5. Project Reconciliation and Accounting:** Resolution 1524-22 — Release Unexpended Project Obligations
Resolution 1524-22 closed 11 projects that were completed during 2021 and expended less than appropriated by the Board. The total unexpended funds were \$146,373. Resolution 1524-22 was moved by Mrs. Zalewski-Wildzunas; seconded by Ms. Jordan and approved.

6. Project Reconciliation and Accounting: Resolution 1525-22 — Allocate Additional Funds for Unbudgeted Project Expenditures

Resolution 1525-22 closed 4 projects that were completed in 2021 but spending exceeded Board authorizations by a total of \$13,215. Mrs. Zalewski-Wildzunas moved Resolution 1525-22; seconded by Ms. Jordan and approved.

7. Annual Meeting: Resolution 1526-22 — Election of Officers

Mr. Lewis moved Resolution 1526-22; seconded by Mr. Golub and approved.

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: Mr. Golub spoke about the progress and activities occurring at MiSci.

Adjournment: Mrs. Zalewski-Wildzunas moved to adjourn; Mr. Golub seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayme Lahut
Executive Director