

Medical SSMID Commission Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting on May 24, 2023, 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., Virtual by Zoom and In-Person at First Avenue Executive Suites

Present: Eric Dalton, Pauline Herb, Michelle Jensen, Suzy McGrane-Hop, Russ Nieland, Michelle Niermann, Okpara Rice, Julie Sterling, Michelle Stramel, Nathan Van Genderen

Absent: Gordon Epping, Eric Griggs

Guests: None – Virtually or In-Person

Staff: Phil Wasta

Welcome & Call to Order

Rice called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Discuss / Approve funding for construction of pedestrian crosswalk at 8th Street & 6th Avenue SE

Herb provided background on what led to the project being initiated. Wasta shared an image of the City's drawing for the pedestrian crossing. Herb commented that ultimately, this is a safety issue. She also shared that Mercy has offered to participate in the cost. Wasta informed the commission that the proposed pedestrian crossing is the same as the one installed on 3rd Avenue SE by the SSMID last year at a cost of \$65,000. Wasta shared the City's Professional Services Agreement showing the total project cost of \$54,675 as well as an amended FY'24 Medical SSMID budget showing the \$55k as an addition to the Parkway Improvements line item, raising it from \$133k to 188k. With that addition, the budget still shows a \$109,698. surplus. Wasta commented that the City turned this project around very quickly and commended them for their efforts. Wasta also shared that Mercy has offered to contribute \$10,000. toward the total project costs. Nieland inquired about why this issue has arisen just recently. Wasta provided background on why 8th Street has been experiencing more truck and car traffic over the last several years.

Rice asked for a motion to approve the project as reflected in the budget. Nieland moved to approve and Herb seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Wasta informed the commission that he received an email yesterday from Scott Freres with Lakota Group indicating that Lakota would like to start on the Master Development Plan in June by coming to Cedar Rapids for two days the week of June 26-30 to conduct meetings with stakeholders. Wasta asked if this timing was acceptable to the commission? The general consensus was that those dates will work. Wasta will work with Lakota to coordinate the meetings.

Adjourn

Rice asked for a motion to adjourn. Jensen moved to adjourn with Stramel seconding. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 a.m.