

The Special Meeting for August 18, 2023, of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board was called to order by Chair, Robert Kemper at 10:10 a.m. in the City Council Chambers at New Buffalo City Hall, 224 W. Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, MI 49117.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DDA.

Roll Call:

Present: Members Danesi, Gradowski, Kemper, Schimanski, Smock, Workman

Absent: Members Humphrey, Lindsay, Rahm

Staff present: City Clerk Fidler, Deputy Clerk Schroeder

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gradowski, seconded by Smock to approve the agenda:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes July 14, 2023 (Special Meeting): Motion by Smock, seconded by Danesi to approve July 14, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes:

Voice Vote, Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

Discussion

- Discussion about free downtown parking to support the city.
- The board agreed to schedule a follow up workshop in 2 weeks regarding the DDA masterplan. DDA workshop will include 5 top priorities for DDA masterplan to present to city council.

Special Event Support Vote – 2024 Wave 100 Regatta:

Motion by Smock, seconded by Gradowski to recommend the Special Event 2024 Wave 100 Regatta to City Council:

Voice vote, Motion Carried.

August 21,2023 City Council Agenda:

The DDA reviewed the upcoming City Council agenda.

Updates

Aesthetic/Operations Sub-Committee:

Discussed an informal survey of the business community. The support for a social district has diminished; however, special events would be supported.

Economic Development Sub-Committee:

Member Kemper stated that the city is working on parking.

Adjournment:

Motion by Gradowski, seconded by Smock to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

a.s.

Robert Kemper, Chair

Amy Fidler, City Clerk