

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA  
Wednesday, October 5, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, President Schroeder called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Craig Schroeder, President; Members present: Tom Murphy, Mike Werner and Jon Hagerott. Members absent: Harley Meiners, Kathy Nelson and Randi Vick. Consultants and City Staff present: City Clerk/Administrator Jennifer Feely. Visitors present: Houston County EDA Director Jordan Wilms and Sno Pac Foods CEO Pete Gengler.

GENERAL EDA BUSINESS ITEM.

A. REVISIT SNO PAC FOODS TAX ABATEMENT. City Clerk/Administrator Feely shared that she and Houston County EDA Director Jordan Wilms recently met with Sno Pac Foods CEO Pete Gengler to complete the recently approved tax abatement agreement. Due to Gengler's dissatisfaction with the total tax abatement cap of \$84,000, the tax agreement paperwork was not signed by Sno Pac Foods. Gengler then addressed the EDA to share his disappointment with the tax abatement offer of 75% per year for 10 years with a cap of \$84,000. Gengler stated that it is tough being in business and the EDA needs to be more progressive in creating incentives for existing businesses to stay and expand in Caledonia. Gengler requested that the EDA remove the cap of \$84,000 from the tax abatement agreement as there is no City infrastructure involved with the Sno Pac expansion and costs the City nothing. A motion was made by Member Werner, seconded by President Schroeder, to recommend to the City Council that the cap of \$84,000 be lifted from the Sno Pac Foods tax abatement agreement due to the fact that Sno Pac Foods has been a longstanding, loyal business in Caledonia, the size of its employee base, and the fact that it has been a good citizen over the years. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 2:11 p.m. by President Schroeder, seconded by Member Werner. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried. The next regular meeting of the EDA is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

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Craig Schroeder, President

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Jennifer Feely, City Clerk/Administrator