

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALEDONIA
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA
Monday, November 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Following due call and notice thereof, acting President Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Room, City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Tom Murphy, Mike Werner, Kathy Nelson, Harley Meiners, Randi Vick, and Jon Hagerott. Members absent: Craig Schroeder. Consultants and City Staff present: City Clerk/Administrator Jennifer Feely. Visitors present: None.

GENERAL EDA BUSINESS ITEM.

A. MIKEN SPORTS TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION. City Clerk/Administrator Jennifer Feely distributed a proposed ten year tax abatement schedule for Miken Sports based upon the City's past practice of 6 years at 75% and 4 years at 50% with a cap consisting of the total proposed amount to be abated. Member Werner stated that he would like to see all 10 years at 75% with no cap as this is what was done for Sno Pac Foods. Werner went on to state that there is so little that the City can offer as far as incentives to keep existing businesses in Caledonia and that the number of jobs Miken brings to Caledonia should be taken into consideration when looking at removing the cap and offering a 75% abatement for 10 years. Member Hagerott stated that he agreed that the City should remove the cap and offer a 10 year abatement at 75% as he anticipated that removing the cap might generate somewhere around \$12,000 over the 10 years. Much discussion ensued. A motion was made by Member Meiners, seconded by Member Vick, to recommend to the Caledonia City Council that the Miken Sports tax abatement be approved at 75% for 10 years with no cap. All members present voted in favor and the motion was declared carried.

B. DISCUSS GIVING EDA PRESENTATION AT ROTARY. Member Werner requested the EDA's consideration in giving a presentation at an upcoming Caledonia Rotary meeting in December. The consensus of the EDA is for City Clerk/Administrator Feely to provide a presentation at the December 16 Caledonia Rotary meeting.

C. SCDP FUNDS. A question arose as to the status of the SCDP funds. The consensus was for City Clerk/Administrator Feely to contact CEDA and find out the status of the program funds.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 a.m. by acting President Murphy, seconded by Member Meiners. 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, December 20, 2011 in the Council Chambers located at City Hall.

Craig Schroeder, President

Jennifer Feely, City Clerk/Administrator