



## MINUTES

February 15, 2023

Hybrid – Council Chambers

Approved: April 26, 2023

### Call to Order

5:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Members present: Alex Johnson II, Ray Kopczynski, Marilyn Smith, Steph Newton, Jackie Montague, Ramycia McGhee, Matilda Novak (Arrived 5:18 p.m.)

Members excused: None.

Members absent: None.

### Election of 2023 Chair and Vice Chair

5:02 p.m.

**Nomination:** Member Smith nominated Member Kopczynski for the position of Chair. Member Montague nominated Member Newton for the position of chair. Member Kopczynski withdrew his nomination for Chair. Member Newton accepted the nomination and was elected Chair, with unanimous vote. Member Smith nominated Member Kopczynski as Vice-Chair, Member Kopczynski accepted the nomination, which passed unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

5:05 p.m.

**Motion:** Johnson moved to approve the November 16, 2022, minutes, Montague seconded; motion approved as presented.

**Motion:** Johnson moved to approve the November 28, 2022, minutes, Kopczynski seconded; motion approved as presented.

### Business from the Public

5:18 p.m.

None.

### GMP Amendment

5:18 p.m.

Economic Development Manager Seth Sherry gave a presentation on the history and timeline of the Albany Waterfront Project. City Engineer Staci Belcastro and Engineering Technician Nick Orsborn provided additional information on project details. They were joined by representatives from K & E Excavating Inc., the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) on the project. Discussion ensued, with questions and answers from the meeting participants.

**Motion:** Johnson moved to approve the GMP Amendment to the CM/GC Contract for ST-22-08, Waterfront Improvements Project, Smith seconded; motion approved as presented, with Novak abstaining.

### Staff Updates

5:28 p.m.

Seth Sherry gave an update on the Wells Fargo Demolition Project. Environmental remediation is complete, actual demolition is scheduled to start the week of February 27, 2023. Area will be packed and filled with gravel when complete, available for parking during the Waterfront Project construction.

Business from the Agency

**5:31 p.m.**

Johnson asked about funds allocated for the Wells Fargo Demolition Project. He would like to allocate a portion of leftover budgeted funds, potentially \$1,000,000, to be used to fund new projects. Kopczynski suggested waiting until the project is complete before allocating any leftover funds. Discussion ensued.

Johnson moved to allocate \$1,000,000 of unused Demolition Project funds for new projects, Novak seconded. City Manager Peter Troedsson provided additional background information on how the ARA decided to close its grants and loans program. Beyond funding issues, staff and administration costs were taken into consideration as well. If the ARA decides to open the grants program up again, it would need to be open to all applicants, and the impact on staff and administration should be taken into account. Seth Sherry said the motion would need to be more specific as to how the funds would be used, i.e., grants, loans, etc. McGhee suggested tabling the motion until hard numbers are available in April. Johnson removed his motion at this time. Sherry will provide the final numbers, anticipating April or May 2023.

Next Meeting Date

**5:55 p.m.**

Seth Sherry said that the March 15, 2023, meeting will likely be cancelled. Next meeting is scheduled for April.

Adjournment

**5:56 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by

*Signature on file*

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Shelley Shultz  
Contracting Coordinator

Sophie Adams  
Economic Development Coordinator

*\*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing [cdaa@cityofalbany.net](mailto:cdaa@cityofalbany.net).*