



A meeting of the St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District (CID) board of directors was held on **Thursday, August 25, 2022**, from 8:35 am to 9:41 am at 111 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Street or via zoom. The following minutes were created by Christy George, Downtown Liaison.

**Call to Order:** President, Ron Barbosa called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.

**Roll call:** The CID meeting was held at 111 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street or via Zoom. Ron Barbosa, Pat Dillon, Joe Houts, Brett Carolus, John Spencer, and Bobbie Jo Hausman were present. Absent: Teresa Fankhauser. Guest: Josh Castor, Shannon Kusilek, Marty Liles, Mayor Josendale, Chuck Kempf, Kim Jennings.

**\*\*\*Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Pat made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written, Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financial Report; given by Joe Houts:** Joe gave a review of the financial reports and a copy of these reports will be kept on file in accordance with the retention requirements. Christy will seek help to provide the Missouri Department of Revenue the documents they need for the House Bill 1606 changes for political subdivisions.

**\*\*\*Motion made by Pat to approve the financial report, and claims. Motion seconded by John; motion approved unanimously.**

**I-229 Study Team – Update on MODOT Study and Solicit Feedback, presented by Josh Castor – Deputy Project Manager I-229 EA, Shannon Kusilek – MoDOT District Planning Manager, Marty Liles NW District Engineer, and Mayor John Josendale:** The I-229 study team is reaching back out to business and groups to present Alternative D. In this alternative the double-decker bridge is removed and replaced it with a new four-lane arterial road constructed at-grade (elevated as necessary for compliance with floodplain and stormwater requirements) in generally the same location as the existing double-decker bridge between the railroad tracks and the Missouri River. This alternative would require de-designation of I-229 as interstate. **\*\*\*Joe made a motion to endorse Alternative D. Motion seconded by John; motion carried unanimously.**

**Park Tax and Felix Street Square, presented by Kim Jennings, St. Joseph Downtown Association President and Chuck Kempf, Parks Director:** Kim presented an idea to borrow on the money set aside in the park tax for Felix Street Square. He would like to expedite the process to make improvements to the park sooner. Kim would like the CID to borrow \$200,000 of the million marked for the park instead of waiting until FY27 to receive the funds. He acknowledged that the redesign would only take place once there was a design that all downtown stakeholders agreed upon. Chuck has run the idea by the City's legal and finance

departments, and they did not see a problem with the idea, but it would still need to be approved by the council. Concerns about the interest were brought up and the board asked Chuck if he could investigate if using funds from the Hotel/Motel tax could work instead of the CID borrowing the money.

**MWSU Center for Entrepreneurship update:** Miu Edlin presented a report to the board to inform them on her efforts to support Downtown merchants, and on the social media intern.

**Grant Request, Over the Edge:** \*\*\*Joe made a motion to approve \$1,000 for the Voices of Courage Advocacy Center's Over the Edge fundraiser. Bobbie Jo agreed to represent the CID and rappel down the side of the Coby Place building. Brett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Grant Request, Mosaic Life Care Foundation, Ignite:** \*\*\*Joe made a motion to approve \$5,000 for the Mosaic Life Care Foundation Ignite fundraiser. Bobbie Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Election of Directors:** Ron Barbosa, Joe Houts and John Spencer terms are expired on the board effective on September 6, 2022. \*\*\*Pat made a motion to elect the following slate of officers Ron Barbosa, Joe Houts, and John Spencer to another four-year term on the board. Motion seconded by Brett; motion carried unanimously.

**Tax Levy:** Christy informed the board that the tax levy for this year has been set at .4680 which is up from last year's rate of .4671. Christy advertised a public notice in the St. Joseph News-Press so that the tax could be voted on. \*\*\*John made a motion to approve the new rate, Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

**CID Meeting Dates:** Christy informed the board that she would be out of the office during the previously scheduled October meeting time. The board decided to combine the October, November, and December meetings into one (also due to the holidays) on November 17, 2022.

**Adjourn:** President, Ron Barbosa ended the meeting at 9:41 am.