

Southfield Redevelopment Authority (SRA)
Advisory Board
Remote Participation Meeting
Thursday, May 10, 2023 @ 7:00pm

Remotely Present: Martin Pillsbury, MAPC Delegate, Chair (*arrived at 7:15*)
Russ Drysdale, Weymouth delegate, Vice-Chair
Daniel Gover, Weymouth delegate, Secretary
Joseph Shea, Abington delegate
Judy Hartigan, Rockland Collector
Steve Santeusano, Abington delegate

Also Remotely Present: Eric Hart, Treasurer
Patricia Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Minutes

VOTED: Motion of Judy Hartigan, seconded by Joe Shea, to accept the minutes of March 17, 2022, as written.

5-0-0 unanimous rollcall vote of those present

Treasurer's Report

FY 2023 Year-to-Date Appropriation Expenditure Report through 2-28-23
Budget 2024

Mr. Hart said there has not been much change to the budget this year and they are within the 3% increase amount agreed to with the new Master Developer, Brookfield Properties Development (BPD). He added other accomplishments of the BPD:

- The LStar law suit resulted in \$62M in triple damages (no cash has been collected yet). The SRA took back any land (and related infrastructure) owned by LStar, and the sewer pump.
- A bid of \$6.1M on the Coast Guard land was accepted; BPD will finance 90% and the SRA will finance 10%.

Mr. Hart said the SRA and BPD are visiting each host community this year to present newly renovated project plans.

Mr. Shea commented that the town of Abington will be getting their own independent audit and Brookfield will be asked to pay for it.

The quorum was achieved at 7:15.

Ms. Hartigan asked for the status on abatements for land taken by eminent domain; Mr. Hart said that the abatements were denied and will be appealed.

Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget

Mr. Hart provided some highlights of the draft budget:

- There was an overall Revenue increase of \$58,528.93
- Land Use Administrator and Treasurer Salaries increased by 3% for cost-of-living, as previously agreed to with the Master Developer
- Health and Dental Insurance increased by \$7,000 (4.5%)
- Engineering Services: reduced by \$36,292 to \$20,000
- Building Maintenance: an increase of \$7,500 (for additional property taken)
- Lighting: an increase of \$16,000 (Trotter Rd. and Parkway St.)
- General Grounds: an increase of \$25,000 to maintain additional 325 acres
- The Annual Audit includes both local and Navy audits

Mr. Hart said there is money in the budget to make this recommendation to the Board of Directors as a balanced budget of \$2,639,851.00 for FY 2024:

Board of Directors	\$ 91,000.00
Executive Office	\$ 183,750.00
Reserve	\$ 100,000.00
Finance	\$ 165,582.00
Legal	\$ 92,000.00
Information Systems	\$ 21,500.00
Planning	\$ 146,735.00
Pensions, Benefits, and Insurance	\$ 272,833.00
Maintenance of Buildings	\$ 43,001.00
Public Works	\$ 311,000.00
Debt	\$1,175,450.00
Transfer Out (Enterprise)	<u>\$ 37,000.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL:	\$2,639,851.00

**VOTED: Motion of Russ Drysdale, seconded by Judith Hartigan, to recommend to the Board of Directors acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget draft as presented.
6-0-0 unanimous rollcall vote**

Status of Vacancies

Regarding staffing levels, Mr. Hart said they are currently staffed with enough people, but he would reach out to both Boards, if the need arises. He said the Advisory Board can bring it up with the SRA Board of Directors if they would like.

Mr. Hart thanked the members for their great job and their long hours.

Ms. Hartigan said this is the first time she has felt solidarity in the financial piece; it is a very solid base to start with.

Mr. Hart said that John Ellard resigned and there are appointees still missing and need to be filled. He will contact Chairman Pillsbury after a letter for missing appointments has been drafted.

Public Comments

There were no comments regarding any agenda items.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the Meeting:

none

Adjournment

VOTED: Motion of Russ Drysdale, seconded by Judith Hartigan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm.

6-0-0 unanimous rollcall vote

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Fitzgerald

Martin Pillsbury, Chairman

Date

Documents reviewed

-FY 2024 Budget draft