

RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING OF THE WEST BRANCH DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY HELD AT WEST BRANCH CITY HALL, 121 N. FOURTH ST. WEST BRANCH, MI ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Joe Clark at 12:00 pm.

Present: Alan Bruder (arrived 12:01), Joe Clark, and Ken Walters.

Absent: Joanne Bennett, Samantha Fabbri, Autum Hunter, Sandy Rabidue, Erin Resteiner (attended virtually but was not able to vote), and Cathy Zimmerman.

Others present: Acting Secretary/City Manager John Dantzer and MDOT representative Kim Mullins.

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Due to a lack of quorum, no official business could take place.

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Greg Samborski, of Third Coast Tech, gave a presentation on downtown speaker and audio systems. He discussed the advantages of a ground level system as opposed to a pole system, he spoke on the option to add a remote microphone location, and options for additional add-ons such as automatic on/off timers and the ability to automatically run announcements. It was also discussed that they would need internet in order to run the music programming and that someone else would need to run the conduit needed for them to pull their lines through. Secretary/Manager Dantzer noted he would reach out to the contractors already working on the wiring portion of the Houghton project to get an estimate on having them run the conduit.

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Kim Mullins of MDOT gave an update on the Houghton Ave project noting they would be starting the project on April 1. She further noted the following schedule time line. Phase 1 is from First to Third St and would run from April 1 to Memorial Day, phase 2 is from Third to M-30 and would run from Memorial Day to July 31st, and phase 3 is from First to Fairview and would run from Aug 1 to the end of October.

Kim also noted that MDOT would be starting signal work on the corner of Fairview and Houghton St with intermittent lane closures being needed.

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.