



**MEETING OF THE WESTLAND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
**City of Westland**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 22, 2023**

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Members Present: Londeau, Brown, Cabildo, Freese, Murray, Rea

Members Excused: Kelly, Scott, Saab

Also Present: Aubrey Merhib, Director of Economic Development

Kayla Cobetto, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator

Brendan Schroder, Economic Development Administration

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mayor Michael P. Londeau.

A motion was made by Murray and supported by Cabildo to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Brown abstained.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Freese and supported by Murray to approve the payments of the vouchers in the amount of \$62,158.37

Westland Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000.00
CoStar Realty	\$528.02
Gooseworks, LLC	\$962.50
Highland Landscaping	\$4,500.00
Highland Landscaping	\$648.00
Highland Landscaping	\$325.00
Highland Landscaping	\$2,428.00
Highland Landscaping	\$602.00
Highland Landscaping	\$5,448.00
Integra Realty Resources	\$3,450.00
TruGreen	\$22.52
Westland Chamber of Commerce	\$10,000.00
Michael Reddy	\$1,153.57
Aubrey Berman	\$563.74

Wayne Ford Civic League	\$1,937.62
Westland Historical Society	\$797.88
Ryan Eberhart	\$238.64
Great Lake Group	\$7,950.00
City of Westland	\$8,826.42
City of Westland	\$294.46
SME	\$1,482.00

Motion carried unanimously.

**Training Discussion:** None

Rea arrived at 8:05 a.m.

**Merhib delivered the Informational Meeting Presentation as required by Public Act 57 of 2018.**

**Director Comments:** Merhib gave an update on a partnership with a digital magazine to develop an article about the City of Westland’s economic development efforts. She also debriefed the board about conversations that took place with developers and brokers at the ICSC conference that took place at the end of May. She also updated the board on the current state of The Retail Coach partnership.

Cobetto gave an update on new business developments within the DDA district.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Board Member Comments:** Cabildo inquired about the progress of the Commercial Area Revitalization strategy within the DDA district.

Murray proposed exploring new partnerships for the Summer Concert Series for the 2024 season.

Freese suggested an increase in the marketing of the Façade Grant Improvement Program.

Londeau invited the board to the Mission to Mars Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Cabildo and supported by Murray to adjourn at 8:39 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously