

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-2023**

**ADOPTING THE  
OWOSSO MAIN STREET/DDA BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, the Owosso Main Street/DDA Board is a public body which is responsible for holding its own meetings in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Owosso Main Street/DDA Board have drafted and approved bylaws to direct the conduct and activities of such meetings and are submitting them to the City Council for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Owosso City Council hereby approves the bylaws of the Owosso Main Street/DDA as follows, such bylaws to be effective immediately:

**BYLAWS GOVERNING  
THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/MAIN STREET  
OF THE CITY OF OWOSSO**

**ARTICLE I**

**PURPOSES**

Section 1. Statement of purposes. The purpose or purposes for which the Authority is organized are as follows: To act as a downtown development authority in accordance with Act 197 'of the Public Acts- of 1975, as amended; including but not limited to; to correct and prevent deterioration in downtown district; to encourage historical preservation; to create and implement development plans, to promote the economic growth; to encourage the expansion of commercial enterprises. In furtherance of these purposes, the Authority shall have all of the powers which now are or hereafter may be, conferred by law on authorities organized under Act 227, Public Acts of 1972, Act 149, Public Acts of 1911; Act 202, Public Acts of 1943; Act 94, Public Acts of 1933; Act 344, Public Acts of 1945, as amended; and particularly the powers granted by Act 197, Public Acts of 1975, and especially Section 7 thereof, to wit:

- (a) Prepare an analysis of economic changes taking place in the downtown district.
- (b) Study and analyze the impact of metropolitan growth upon the downtown district.
- (c) Plan and propose the construction, the renovation, repair, remodeling, rehabilitation, restoration, preservation, or reconstruction of a public facility, an existing building, or a multiple-family dwelling unit which may be necessary or appropriate to the execution of a plan which, in the opinion of the Board, aids in the economic growth of the downtown district.
- (d) Develop long-range, plans, in cooperation with the agency which is chiefly responsible for planning in the municipality, designed to halt the deterioration of property values in the downtown district and to promote the economic growth of the downtown district, and take such steps as may be necessary to persuade property owners to implement the plans to the fullest extent possible.
- (e) Implement any plan of development in the downtown district necessary to achieve the purposes of Act 197, in accordance with the powers of the Authority as granted by Act 197.
- (f) Make and enter into contracts necessary or incidental to the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties.

- (g) Acquire by purchase or otherwise, on terms and conditions and in a manner the Authority deems proper or own, convey, or otherwise dispose of, or lease as lessor or lessee, land and other property, real or personal, or rights or interests therein, which the Authority determines is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of this, and to grant or acquire licenses, easements, and options with respect thereto.
- (h) Improve land and construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, restore and preserve, equip, improve, maintain, repair, and operate any building, including multiple-family dwellings, and any necessary or desirable appurtenances thereto, within the downtown district for the use, in whole or in part, of any public or private person or corporation, or a combination thereof.
- (i) Fix, charge, and collect fees, rents, and charges for the use of any building or property under its control or any part thereof, or facility therein, and pledge the fees, rents, and charges for the payment of revenue bonds issued by the Authority.
- (j) Lease any building or property under its control, or any part thereof.
- (k) Accept grants and donations of property, labor, or other things of value from a public or private source.
- (l) Acquire and construct public facilities.

subject to any amendments to said statute either increasing or diminishing the powers of downtown development authorities formed thereunder.

Section 2. Development of work plans. The mission of the program will be achieved through the board's commitment to the National Main Street's Work Plan process, using its four-point approach through the organization committee, promotion committee, design committee, and the economic restructuring committee.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **OFFICES**

Section 1. Offices. The Authority may have such offices as the Board may determine, or the affairs of the Authority may require from time to time.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **BOARD**

Section 1. General Powers. The affairs of the Authority shall be managed by its Board.

Section 2. Number, Tenure and Qualifications. The Board of the Authority shall consist of nine (9) persons, the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Owosso or their designee on City Council and, eight (8) members. The members shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years. At least five of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district. At least one of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district, so long as the district has 100 or more persons residing within it.

Section 3. Selection of Board Members. The Chief Executive Officer of the City of Owosso with the advice and consent of the City Council, shall appoint the members of the Board. Subsequent Board members shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointments at the expiration of each member's term of office.

Section 4. Expiration of Term; Continuation in Office; Reappointment; Filling Vacancies. Members whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until his/her successor has been

appointed with the advice and consent of the City Council to serve additional terms. If a vacancy is created by the death, resignation, or removal of a member, a successor shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the City Council within thirty (30) days to hold office for the remainder of the term so vacated.

Section 5. Removal. Pursuant to notice and an opportunity to be heard, a member may be removed from office for inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance, accumulation of three (3) or more unexcused absences in a twelve (12) month period, or any other good cause by a majority vote of the City Council.

Section 6. Disclosure of Interests. A board member who has a direct interest in any matter before the Authority shall disclose his/her interest prior to the Authority taking any action with respect to the matter, which disclosure shall become a part of the record of the Authority's official proceedings. Further, any member making such disclosure, shall then refrain from participating in the Authority's decision-making processes relative to such matter.

Section 7. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the Board shall be held on the first Wednesday in the month of June in each year beginning with the year 2011 at the hour of seven-thirty a.m. for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the election of officers shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting or any adjournment thereof, the Board shall cause the election to be held at a regular or special meeting of the Board within 90 days of the annual meeting.

Section 8. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall from time to time determine.

Section 9. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by or at the written request of the chairman or any two members. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place as the place for holding any special meetings of the Board called by them.

Section 10. Notice of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided by law, all meetings shall be preceded by public notice in accordance with Public Act 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

Section 11. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the members of the Board then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event that effective membership is reduced because of Disclosure of Interest (Article III, Section 6), a majority of the remaining members of the Board then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Except in those cases where a larger majority is required by law, no motion, resolution or action shall be adopted or passed, nor shall any appointment be made, nor any person removed from office as permitted by these Rules, except by the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of the Board.

Section 12. Public Meetings. The meetings of the Board 'shall be public.'

Section 13. Public Comment. Members of the Public may comment at the meetings of the Board. An individual will have no more than three (3) minutes to deliver their comment.

Section 14. Compensation of Members. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses subject to authorization by a vote of two-thirds of the majority of the Board members then qualified to vote.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **OFFICERS**

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Authority shall be a chairman and vice-chairman.

Section 2. Election and Terms of Office. Officers of the Authority shall be elected annually by the Board at the regular annual meeting of the Board. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held within 90 days of such meeting. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified.

Section 3. Removal. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Authority would be served thereby.

Section 4. Vacancies. A vacancy in office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. Chairman. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall discharge the duties of the presiding officer.

Section 6. Vice-Chairman. In the absence of the chairman or in event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the vice-chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the chairman. Any vice-chairman, shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the chairman or by the Board.

Section 7. Employment of Personnel. The Board may employ personnel as deemed necessary by the Board. Such personnel may include, but not be limited to, a director, treasurer, secretary and legal counsel.

Section 7.1. Director. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of a director, subject to approval by the City Council. The director shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. A member of the Board shall not hold the position of director while serving on the Board. The Board may require the director to post a bond payable to the Authority for the use and benefit of the Authority. The premium for such bond is to be paid by the Authority. Subject to the approval of the Board, the director shall supervise, and be responsible for the preparation of plans and the performance of the functions of the Authority. The director shall attend the meetings of the Board, and shall render to the Board and to the City Council a regular report covering the activities and financial condition of the authority. The director shall furnish the Board with information or reports governing the operation of the Authority as the Board requires. If the director is absent or disabled, the Board may delegate his/her functions and responsibilities to any person otherwise qualified under this section. Such other person shall be designated as the acting director.

Section 7.2. Treasurer. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of a treasurer, who shall keep the financial records of the Authority and who, together with the director, shall approval all vouchers for the expenditure of funds of the Authority. If required by the Board, the treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board shall determine. He shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Authority; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Authority from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Authority in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of these rules; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of treasurer and such other duties as shall be assigned from time to time by the Board.

Section 7.3. Secretary. The Board may employ and fix the compensation of a secretary, who shall maintain custody of the official seal and of records, books, documents, or other papers not required to be maintained by the treasurer. The secretary shall attend meetings of the Board and keep a record of its proceedings. The secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these rules or as required by law and shall keep a register of the post office address of each Board member as furnished by such member. The secretary shall also perform all

duties incident to the office of secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board.

Section 7.4. Legal Counsel. The Board may retain legal counsel to advise the Board in the proper performance of its duties and to represent the Authority in actions brought by or against the Authority.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **COMMITTEES**

Section 1. Committees of Members. The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Board, may designate and appoint one or more committees, each of which shall consist of two or more members, which committees shall have and exercise such authority as shall be granted to them by such resolution; provided, however, such committee shall not have the power or authority to adopt an agreement of merger or consolidation or an agreement for the sale, lease or exchange of all, or substantially all of the Authority's property and assets, dissolve the Authority or amend the rules of the Authority. Except as otherwise provided in such resolution, the members of such committee shall be members of the Authority and the Chairman shall appoint the members thereof. Any member may be removed by the person or persons authorized to appoint such member whenever in their judgment the best interests of the Authority shall be served by such removal.

Section 2. Term of Office. Each member of a committee shall continue as such until the next annual meeting of the members of the Authority and until his/her successor is appointed, unless the committee shall be sooner terminated, or unless such member be removed from such committee, or unless such member shall cease to qualify as a member thereof.

Section 3. Chairman. One member of each committee shall be appointed chairman by the person or persons authorized to appoint the members thereof.

Section 4. Quorum. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

Section 1. Contracts. The Board may authorize the chairman, agent or agents of the Authority, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Authority, and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Checks, Drafts, etc. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Authority, shall be signed by two persons as designated by the Board.

Section 3. Deposits. All funds of the Authority shall be immediately deposited to the credit of the Authority in such banks, trust, companies or other depositories as the Board may select.

Section 4. Gifts. The Board may accept on behalf of the Authority any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or for any special purposes of the Authority.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Authority shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board and committees having any of the powers of the Board, and shall keep at the principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the Authority shall be open to the public at all times. An annual audit shall be conducted by an independent Certified Public Accountant and published, and shall be in compliance with Public Act No. 2 of 1968 and Public Act 621 of 1978.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June in each year.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **AMENDMENTS TO RULES**

These rules may be altered, amended or repealed and new rules may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting if written notice is given of intention to alter, amend or repeal or to adopt new rules at such meeting. The full nature of the rule change shall be included in the notice. Adoption of rule changes shall require affirmative votes by the majority of the members appointed. Changes in these rules are subject to approval by the City Council.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Board may adopt.

*I hereby certify that the foregoing document is a true and complete copy of a resolution authorized by the Owosso City Council at the regular meeting of February 6, 2023.*

  
Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

