



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

**Redevelopment Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
5:15 PM**

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at City Hall on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at the hour of 5:15 PM, ("local time"), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Chalik at 5:15 PM.

On a call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Members Present: Mr. Brian Chalik, Mr. Damon Gasaway, Ms. Jenna Francesconi, and Mr. JT McDermott.

Members Absent: Ms. Betsy Parkison.

Guests Present: Mr. Craig Phillips, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Matt Hagenow, and Ms. Amanda Haverstick.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the meeting minutes from the regular January 26th, 2022 meeting and seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.

Claims: Mr. Brian Chalik introduced the claim docket items. A motion was made to approve the February 23, 2022 claims docket by JT McDermott and seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Monroe Streetscape Design Contract with Hitchcock Design Group – Craig explained that the proposed project limits and the plan for the consultation with Hitchcock Design Group. The total cost for the contract is in the amount of \$93,500. Joel Baldwin introduced himself as a representative from Hitchcock Design Group and briefly described the proposed plan for the streetscape plan and schematic design for this project. JT McDermott made a motion to approve the Monroe Streetscape Design Contract with Hitchcock Design Group pending legal review and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.
- B. Downtown Parking Study with Walker Parking Consultants – Craig explained the proposed parking study and comprehensive parking analysis for the downtown area. The Business Improvement District will add \$4,000 to the cost of the contract. The total cost request to the Redevelopment Commission for the contract is \$70,900. John Martens introduced himself as the representative from Walker Parking Consultants and briefly described the project. JT McDermott made a motion

to approve the Downtown Parking Study Contract with Walker Parking Consultants and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Craig explained that there was notice provided from the Indiana Department of Transportation with regards to the Tipton Street Overpass project.
- B. Craig asked the RDC members about what we should do with the former Don George Ford property at 150 Pine Lake Avenue. The RDC would like to see the City work on soliciting bids for the development of the site with retaining public access to Lily Lake. Bert explained that the request for proposals would include a clear expectation of public access as well as flexible terms for development to occur on the property. The City will work on an RFP for later this spring.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Damon Gasaway moved to adjourn the meeting; Jenna Francesconi seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.



Brian Chalik, President



JT McDermott, Secretary

DAMON GASAWAY VICE PRESIDENT