



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

**Redevelopment Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 31, 2023  
5:15 PM**

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at City Hall on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 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 5:18 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, Mr. JT McDermott (arrived 5:26 pm), and Ms. Jenna Francesconi.

**Members Absent:** Mrs. Betsy Kabelin Parkison.

**Guests Present:** Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Craig Phillips, Mr. Tim Franke, and Ms. Amanda Haverstick.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Jenna Francesconi to approve the meeting minutes from the regular April 26th, 2023 meeting and seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 3-0.

**Claims:** A motion was made by Jenna Francesconi to approve the May 31, 2023 Claim Docket and seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Thomas Rose Industrial Park

1. Public Hearing on proposed amendment to the economic development plan for the Thomas Rose Industrial Park Area
2. Action to adopt a Confirmatory Resolution confirming the Amending Resolution and the Plan Amendment, to ratify, receive and approve appraisals, to authorize procedures for acquisition of leasehold interest in property, and to authorize Executive Director to acquire leasehold interest subject to maximum lease payment.

Brian opened the public hearing at 5:21 pm. Bert Cook explained the proposed amendment to the economic development plan for the Thomas Rose Industrial Park. Bert read the Confirmatory Resolution and recommendation. JT McDermott arrived at 5:26 pm. Brian opened the floor for public comment at 5:26 pm. There was no public comment.

Jenna Francesconi made a motion to **approve action to adopt a Confirmatory Resolution confirming the Amending Resolution and the Plan Amendment, to ratify, receive and approve appraisals, to authorize procedures for acquisition of leasehold interest in property, and to authorize Executive Director to acquire leasehold interest subject to maximum lease payment** and the motion was seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 4-0.

B. Resolution regarding the acquisition and equipping of a fire truck and the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a fire training facility and related facilities.  
Bert explained the resolution regarding the acquisition and equipping of a fire truck and the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a fire training facility and related facilities. Jenna Francesconi made a motion to **approve the Resolution declaring the official intent of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission to reimburse expenditures and all matters related thereto regarding the acquisition and equipping of a fire truck and the acquisition, construction, installation and equipping of a fire training facility and related facilities** and the motion was seconded by JT McDermott. The motion passed 4-0.

C. NewPorte Landing parcel sale, swap, and easement  
Bert explained the request for parcel, sale, swap, and easement to accommodate future development. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the NewPorte Landing parcel sale, swap, and easement** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.

D. Engagement Letter for Baker Tilly for TIF services and analysis  
Craig explained the Engagement Letter for Baker Tilly for TIF services and analysis related to the 39 North Annexation process. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the Engagement Letter for Baker Tilly for TIF services and analysis** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.


E. Approval of annual TIF pass-thru letters  
Craig explained the approval of the annual TIF pass-thru letters for the four TIF districts. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the annual TIF pass-thru letters** and the motion was seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 4-0.

F. Request for appraisals and surveys of TIF I properties  
Bert explained the request for appraisals and surveys of TIF I properties on Lake Street. Craig reported that the estimated costs of both appraisals and surveys would be not to exceed \$7,500 total. JT McDermott made a motion **approve the request for appraisals and surveys of TIF I properties in the amount not to exceed \$7,500** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

A. None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Damon Gasaway moved to adjourn the meeting; Jenna Francesconi seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.

  
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Brian Chalik, President

  
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JT McDermott, Secretary