



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

**Redevelopment Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 28, 2023  
5:15 PM**

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at City Hall on Wednesday, June 28, 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 5:19 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, Mrs. Betsy Kabelin Parkison, Mr. JT McDermott, and Ms. Jenna Francesconi.

**Members Absent:** Mr. Damon Gasaway.

**Guests Present:** Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Craig Phillips, Mr. Andy Mouser, and Ms. Amanda Haverstick.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the meeting minutes from the regular May 31st, 2023 meeting and seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.

**Claims:** Craig mentioned that there are three additional claims included for payment to Hitchcock Design that are included on the June 28, 2023 Claim Docket. A motion was made by Jenna Francesconi to approve the June 28, 2023 Claim Docket and seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Public Hearing on the Lease and adoption of a resolution (1) approving a form of lease; (2) finding that the lease rentals pursuant to the Lease are fair and reasonable and (3) approving the Pledge regarding the acquisition and equipping of a fire truck and the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a fire training facility and related facilities.
- Brian Chalik opened the public hearing for comment at 5:22 pm. Andy Mouser, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, explained the resolution for approving a form of lease finding that the lease rentals pursuant to the Lease are fair and reasonable and approving a Pledge regarding the acquisition and equipping of a fire truck and the acquisition, construction, installation, and equipping of a fire training facility and related facilities. Andy explained the process for financing the fire training facility and related facilities. Bert cook explained the Resolution as part of the public hearing. There was no public comment. Brian closed the floor to public comment. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the Lease and adoption of a resolution (1) approving a form of lease; (2) finding that the lease rentals pursuant**

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B. Engagement Letter for Barnes and Thornburg for bond financing services  
JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the engagement letter for Barnes and Thornburg for bond financing services** and the motion was seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 4-0.

C. Approval of a change order for groundwater monitoring services for NewPorte Landing (Jacob & Hefner)  
JT McDermott questioned the purpose of the change order. Craig explained that the cover letter on the change order mentioned there was additional testing performed in the amount of \$1,805. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the change order for groundwater monitoring services for NewPorte Landing (Jacob & Hefner)** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Bert Cook explained the purchase and sale agreement request from Rossman Partners for the remaining 12.5 acre parcel on Boyd Boulevard. Mr. Cook explained that the developer proposes to construct several small industrial buildings on the parcel. Bert explained the terms of the lease agreement with Rossman Partners. JT McDermott made a motion to **authorize the Redevelopment Commission President to approve the purchase and sale agreement with Rossman Partners** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 4-0.
- B. Bert Cook explained that the City is looking at exploring potential cleanup opportunities on a parcel along McClung Road with Ice Miller and will bring this to the Commission by the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, JT McDermott moved to adjourn the meeting; Betsy Kabelin Parkison seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.



Brian Chalik, President



JT McDermott, Secretary