



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

**Redevelopment Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 31, 2024  
5:15 PM**

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at City Hall on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 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, Mr. Damon Gasaway, Mrs. Betsy Kabelin Parkison, Mr. JT McDermott, and Ms. Jenna Francesconi

**Members Absent:** None.

**Guests Present:** Mr. Anthony Novak, Councilman Tim Franke, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Craig Phillips, and Mr. Stan Maddox.

**Election of Officers for 2024:** Brian called for Election of Officers nominations. JT McDermott made a motion to **nominate Brian Chalik as President, Damon Gasaway as Vice President, and JT McDermott as Secretary** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed (5-0).

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the meeting minutes from the regular December 20th, 2023 meeting and seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 5-0.

**Claims:** A motion was made by JT McDermott to approve the January 31, 2024 Claim Docket and seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


- A. Opening of bids for public offering of former Don George Property – 150 Pine Lake Avenue Bert explained the request to table this item to the next RDC meeting. JT McDermott made a motion to **table the opening of bids for public offering of former Don George Property – 150 Pine Lake Avenue to the February 28, 2024 RDC meeting** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 5-0.

- B. Bert explained the two Letter of Interests for NewPorte landing properties. The first Letter of Interest is for a one acre parcel to look at building a financial institution and the other Letter of Interest is for the remaining 14 acres to consist of possible multi-unit retail facilities. Bert discussed a few details about the proposed development and process for the two parcels in NewPorte Landing. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the two letter of interests for NewPorte Landing parcels** and the motion was seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 5-0.
- C. Craig explained that the approval for Quiet Zone Railroad Crossing bollards related to the City's Quiet Zone project for installation of required safety improvements. Craig explained the quote from High Star Traffic for maintenance of traffic control with the installation of the required safety improvements at Madison Street related to the implementation of the Quiet Zone project in the amount of \$1,967.00. Craig also mentioned that there will be more information coming about future safety railroad crossing improvements. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the quote from High Star Traffic for maintenance of traffic control with the installation of the required safety improvements at Madison Street related to the implementation of the Quiet Zone project in the amount of \$1,967.00** and the motion was seconded by Betsy Kabelin Parkison. The motion passed 5-0.
- D. Anthony Novak explained the approval of contract for 2024 legal services with NLKJ for Attorney Matt Hagenow in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the contract for 2024 legal services with Newby, Lewis, Kaminski, & Jones in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month** and the motion was seconded by Jenna Francesconi. The motion passed 5-0.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Bert explained that the board will need to consider approval of the cost estimate for purchase and installation of required safety improvements at Madison Street related to the implementation of the Quiet Zone project. JT McDermott made a motion to **approve the cost estimate from Mike Green, Inc. for purchase and installation of safety railroad crossing bollards at Madison Street in the amount of \$12,668.82**; and the motion was seconded by Damon Gasaway. The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Damon Gasaway moved to adjourn the meeting; Betsy Kabelin Parkison seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM.

  
Brian Chalik, President

  
JT McDermott, Secretary