

# HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

MONDAY MAY 6, 2024

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in person at the Town of Highland’s Police Dept. on Monday May 6, 2024. The Study Session was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President George Georgeff.

Commissioners Doug Turich, Phil Scheeringa, Tom Black, Alex Robertson and Pat Krull, were present in person at Town Hall.

**Other Officials present:** Attorney John Reed. Director Maria Becerra, Fire Chief Pipta

Discussion on the Draft for an RFP the Consolidated Plan. Director stated that they have a copy of the draft. She will email to the Commission and Attorney Reed, in Word format, so that they can make any change recommendations for approval at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Plenary Meeting. Submission for the proposals would be June 13<sup>th</sup>, if need be interviews on June 17<sup>th</sup> Study Session and having a recommendation for the Town Council on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Director Becerra explained some highlights in the RFP document. President Georgeff, stated that he appreciated doing the research and having done this, so we did not have to pay someone do it.

Discussion on the Safe Streets for All RFP – Director Becerra, state that we did receive 5 proposals. These were names of the proposals that were received:

American Structure Point, Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), Robinson Engineering, Short Elliott Hendrickson (S.E.H), Shrewsbury. Last Friday, the initial review committee met, Commissioner/Councilman Georgeff, Commissioner/Councilman Black, Police Chief Potesta, Fire Chief Pipta, and Clerk/Treasurer Mark Herak and myself met to review the proposals. Mark Herak and myself opened the proposals that morning. Each one of the committee members, reviewed one of the firm proposals for scoring. Director Becerra thought it would be a good idea to interview the top two. President Georgeff asked Maria to send out the scores to the Commissioners and if they want to interview one of the firms, he would be fine with that.

Discussion on the RFP for Decorative Lighting – Commissioner Robertson, this is the only one we received. I did talk to Pure Illumination, they had submitted before when we were checking into this before for a baseline on what it was going to cost. I did send out an email to everybody bring a physical copy to town hall, we will check to see if any others came in. So, just for point of reference, for zone 1 Pure Illumination quoted \$14,500, zone 2 a little over \$14,000, zone 3 \$11,000 and zone 4 a little over \$12,000. I believe their plan is different. I did speak with Midwestern and 2 other contractors, Sweeney and Hyre. They both recommended to get a hold of Midwestern, since they installed the electric poles. In speaking with Illumination, their approach was concerning, I did ask him to come up with a second option. We were trying to get this done before the festival. Commissioner Turich asked why is there a significant price difference. Commissioner Robertson, said it is the labor, one is union, one is not. Some discussion on wi-fi controls for light color changes. Commissioner Turich asked, I.T., Ed Dombrowski to possibly join in the future conversations with the light contractors.

No further comments.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by President Georgeff at 6:13 PM.

**DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED** by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 28 day of MAY 2024, having passed by a vote 4 in favor and 0 opposed.

Highland Redevelopment Commission

  
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President

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Secretary