

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY AUGUST 5th, 2024

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") met in person at Town Hall on Monday August 5th, 2024. The regular scheduled plenary business meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President, George Georgeff.

Roll Call: Commissioners Phil Scheeringa, Commissioner Tom Black, Commissioner Doug Turich, Commissioner George Georgeff and Commissioner Alex Robertson and Patrick Krull (non -voting) were present in person at Town Hall).

Additional Officials Present: Kendra Hernandez, Redevelopment Commission Assistant, Redevelopment Director Maria Becerra excused.

Motion to ratify the Meeting was made by Commissioner Scheeringa and seconded by Commissioner Robertson. All in Favor 4-0

Also Present: Several people were present from the public.

Public Comment There were 2 Residents that made comments one about the Kennedy Corridor Expansion and one about the purchase of property resolution on the agenda for today's meeting.

New Business: Resolution 2024-19. A motion was made to adopt by Commissioner Black and seconded by Commissioner Robertson. George Georgeff stated the properties at 7944-7950 Kennedy Ave was early on, when the town had a deep sewer project going through Homestead Park. There was a determination that there was a need for some property and that property included part of the property at 7944 to 7950 Kennedy Avenue. The Council were able to negotiate with the owner of that property and not have to go through eminent domain, and we had appraisals and came up with a fair price that the seller has accepted. We are going to sign, it will be turned over for use by the Sanitary Board for their deep sewer project, so they can connect with Hammond. The Sanitary Board will reimburse the Redevelopment Commission for the land that they're going to use there. The additional building that's there right now that we'll have is going to be currently going to be used for animal control. It should be an improvement for the conditions of the of the animals. We do have several people in the community willing to help with that building and to make that building accommodable for the for the animals that we're going to need to hold there. The price is \$377,000. That was our top appraisal and Redevelopment Commission approved that anything above the top appraisal would have had to come to the Council. How much do you have to pay to avoid the cost expense of the litigation and condemnation proceeding? And we're able to get it under the top appraisal. There's no reason to go any further with that. All in Favor 4-0 with Commissioner Turich abstained

Business from the Commission: Commission Black moved that we amend this evening's agenda to include design engineering for the Main Square Park decorative fencing. It was seconded by Commissioner Turich. All in Favor 5-0. We have a proposal from NIES engineering for \$16,300 but not to exceed \$16,300 for the engineering of the decorative fencing at Main Square Park. All in Favor 5-0.

Commissioner Robertson spoke with the property owners of the Zorn Property (The old Darnell Shop) on Jewett St. and what was happening with the property. They also discussed the Murals to see if they would be open getting some of that cleaned up and removed. I think the town paid to have those put on at one point. but I don't know if that was a Main Street thing and just keeping everyone updated.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Georgeff at 6:16 PM.

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

Highland Redevelopment Commission

President

ATTEST: _____

Secretary