

# HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18TH, 2024

6:00 P.M.

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") met in Highland Town Hall on Monday November 18th, 2024. The Study Session was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Commissioner Robertson.

Commissioners Phil Scheeringa, Commissioner Tom Black, Commissioner Alex Robertson, and Pat Krull, Non-Voting Member/School Board Representative were present in person at Town Hall. Commissioner Turich and Commissioner George Georgeff were absent.

**Other Officials present:** Attorney Reed, Director Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Assistant Kendra Hernandez

OLD BUSINESS concerning the Redevelopment Spending Plan 2025 – Maria spoke and stated Commissioners, you have the draft of the redevelopment spending plan. It's a new requirement under the IC code for the State, it's just projecting the spending for redevelopment for 2025. That's in addition to and aside from the regular budget that the town submits. So once this is approved by the Clerk Treasurer Mark Herak, he will be uploading it into gateway and I don't know if the attorney John Reed wants to explain anymore, it was prepared by Jim Higgins, our financial consultant and Mark Herak has reviewed it.

Attorney John Reed said It's just a new requirement. The State wants to know, they're probably going to study what's being spent, what's being collected and make sure that the dollars they're allowing us to capture are being used productively. I would want to call it a power grab or anything. But it's just one of those they want to see where their money's going where it's being and I'll save their money.

Commissioner Robertson said everything with the redevelopment spending plan. Your Debt payments, capital expenditures, payment of operating expenses that's everything in this plan.

Maria answered Yes, and it does allow for any unforeseen opportunities that may come to the Redevelopment Commission. All that we would have to do is amend it. There is an opportunity to amend it. If we have, say, a developer come in or we, if we need to make adjustments, that's we're not locked in as long as we submit an amendment.

Commissioner Black asked about the other charges why do we have for other charges and was that to allow for that flexibility?

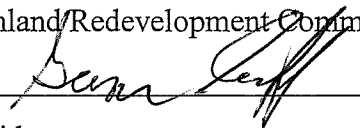
Maria stated No, it's it would be in addition to under other services and charges. It could be everything from consultants that we do, engineering all those like general expenses operating expenses. But if we did have say an opportunity to work with a developer, or there were other expenditures, we do have. The opportunity like, I said to revise it as long it would come before the Commission again and get approved, and then be submitted to the State and the resolution has to be approved at 6 15. We have regular plenary meeting to adopt the resolution. Mark has reviewed it, and the numbers line up appropriately, I guess, with the debt payments that are being projected at this time.

No further comments.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Robertson at 6:05 PM.

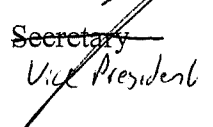
**DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED** by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 16 day of December 2024, having passed by a vote 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Highland Redevelopment Commission

  
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President

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary

  
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Vice President