

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY DECEMBER 22ND, 2025

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in person at Town Hall on Monday December 22nd, 2025. The regular scheduled plenary business meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by President Alex Robertson.

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

Additional Officials Present: Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director and Attorney Reed, Fire Chief Schlessner

Also Present -members of the Fire Department

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes: 11/24/25

Communications : Cash Balance report for 10/31/25 and 11/30/25 . Maria mentioned about the \$2,000,000.00 and that is still owed and needs to be paid by years end .

Resolution 2025-20 – Tax Increment Revenue Public Safety Equipment- Attorney Reed stated that we have identified and in order to enter into a binding legal contract with the company producing the ladder truck. That we have those funds in it for when it comes , we can't just say we'll buy it and pay later . He spoke with Tom Pittman , who is our bond counsel in Indianapolis with Barnes and Thornburg. He is looking into alternate funding sources, bonding, things along those lines, doing an analysis for all the various boards and commissions, but to successfully enter into a contract to purchase the truck and that agreement would be signed by Alex, the chairman of RDC. RDC is now allowed to use uncommitted for bond payment funds in the Redevelopment Commission to pay for items that concern public safety. The Redevelopment Commission has enough money in its reserves to pay for this item. If we weren't able to bond for it or otherwise procure it, this would be the way to do it, and that way, the contract we would sign would be legally enforceable and my understanding is also that the department prefers the is it the Pierce truck and that would be available I'm sorry, is it February or first quarter 2027.

Chief Schlessner agreed

Attorney Reed went on to state if the time comes where the funding source, you know becomes ability to pay it through a G.O. bond council or otherwise then we would just simply change the funding source. It wouldn't change the terms of the contract or anything.

Commissioner Georgeff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-20 and Commissioner Scheeringa seconded . All in Favor 4 with 1 abstaining

Chief Schlessler thanked the Commission for their time and work and everyone's collective time and making it a reality . This is a huge step for the long - term success for public safety

The Commissioners thanked the fire department for everything they do and getting this equipment is a big step in the right direction

Motion to pay claims made by Commissioner Scheeringa and seconded by Commissioner Black. all in Favor 5-0

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Robertson at 8:12 PM.

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 26th day of January 2026, having passed by a vote 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Highland Redevelopment Commission



President

ATTEST:



Secretary