

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Monday January 26th, 2026

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") met in person at Town Hall on Monday January 26th, 2026.

The Plenary Business meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by President Alex Robertson

Roll Call: Commissioner Tom Black, Commissioner Alex Robertson, Commissioner Georgeff, Commissioner Doug Turich, Commissioners Phil Scheeringa and Pat Krull Non - voting member was present .

Additional Officials Present: Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director, Attorney Blise were present and several members of the public

Public Comment pertaining to the agenda : made by 1 member of the audience

Minutes Approved : 11/17/25, 12/22/25 and stand as posted .

Communications: Cash Balance Report , Maria mentioned the \$2,000,000.00 was now back in the account .

Unfinished Business:

Resolution 2026-01 Wage and Salary Motion by Commissioner Black and 2nd by Commissioner Georgeff

Commissioner Turich had questions concerning the wage increase and wanted to know the percentage of the increase after a short discussion a vote of 4-1 and the Resolution passed .

Resolution 2026-02 & Resolution 2026-03 were pulled from the Agenda and will be added at a later time .

Resolution 2026-04 for Engineering Services from NIES a motion was made by Commissioner Black and 2nd by Commissioner Scheeringa . All in Favor 5-0

Resolution 2026-05 for Economic Services with Dan Botich . A motion was made by Commissioner Georgeff and 2nd by Commissioner Scheeringa . All in Favor 5-0

Resolution 2026-06 for Special Legal Services for Austgen, Jasaitis and Kuiper .
A motion was made by Commissioner Scheeringa and 2nd by Commissioner Black .
All in Favor 5-0

Public Comment : made by 1 person in the audience.

Business from the Commissioners :

Commissioner Turich commented on his tenure at the Park Board and asked about the Gazebo and would Redevelopment be able to help with that.

Commissioner Scheeringa stated that Mr. Krull and I had this conversation at the last park board meeting to use beverage tax and that would create revenue and bond against to do that exact thing and they had gone over a lot and that has not been forgotten about .

Commissioner Georgeff stated he believes that they gave their Attorney instructions to prepare a document for the beverage tax .

Commissioner Scheeringa commented that the Attorney had compiled a couple of the neighboring communities and how they have used the beverage tax . The nice thing is it brings in so much money you are able to bond against that.

Commissioner Georgeff added that you don't have to wait for the money to come in .

Commissioner Robertson also added that they receive money through the South Shore CVA for projects that promote tourism and there is money in there and it can only be used for that activity . He thinks that they only have used it a couple of times.

Commissioner Scheeringa asked what account it was ?

Commissioner Robertson answered that it's a tourism account and he thinks it's funded maybe around \$40,000 a year and there is money sitting in there because they looked at it in 2024 to help offset with events . It's something to consider .

Commissioner Scheeringa asked Commissioner Krull what it was going to cost for the gazebo

Commissioner Krull answered that they didn't have a number yet.

Commissioner Georgeff stated he has noticed our Welcome to Highland signs and how they have faded and how he had the Elks emblem removed and recovered because it was faded how ours is faded to and he thinks Denise at the fire department has some contact information for who did those and see what they charge to reface those.

Commissioner Scheeringa stated he would love to see them all done up like the one on Boulevard. I would love to see them all look that nice and If there is a way to do that I don't know if were able to find the cost .

Commissioner Georgeff stated I think you just take the panel off and there's a sticker and it's just a metal panel .

Commissioner Scheeringa answered our names are vinyl , it's sticks on vinyl .
Commissioner Turich stated the one on Kennedy is wood .

Commissioner Robertson stated that if there is a short fall we would consider it .

Commissioner Krull mentioned the school board had reelections and he is still the president and he appointed himself back to the Redevelopment Commission.

Motion to Pay Claims: in the amount of \$240,002.67 made by Commissioner Scheeringa and 2nd by Commissioner Black. All in Favor 5-0

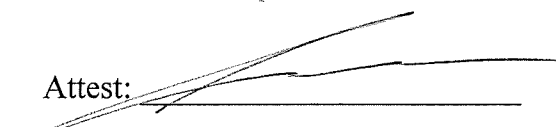
Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Robertson at 8:33 PM.

Duly Passed and Resolved by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 23rd day of February 2026, having passed by a vote Highland Redevelopment Commission in favor 4 and 0 opposed



President

Attest:



~~Secretary~~

Attorney