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Redevelopment Commission Minutes
Tuesday, March 24th, 2020
12:00 pm
City of La Porte Council Chambers
801 Michigan Avenue
La Porte, IN 46350

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held at the City of La Porte, City Hall, Council Chambers, in the City of La Porte ("City"), 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, Indiana on Tuesday, March 24th, 2020 at the hour of 12:00 pm, ("local time"), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Konieczny at 12:02 pm.

On a call of the roll, the members of the Commission were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Members Present: Ms. Laura Konieczny, Mr. Brian Chalik, Mr. JT McDermott, Mr. Damon Gasaway, and Mr. Tom Powley.

Members Absent: None.

Guests Present: Mr. Tom Casey, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Matt Hagenow, Mayor Tom Dermody, Mr. Nick Minich, Ms. Sarah Brown.

Public Comment: None.

Minutes: Mr. Chalik moved to approve the minutes from the February 26th, 2020 meeting as presented; Mr. Gasaway seconded; all approved.

Claims: Mr. Casey presented two claims for approval. Claim one was the retainer for Newby, Lewis, Kaminski and Jones in the amount of \$4583.33. The seconded claim was for Bluff City on work completed in NewPorte Landing in the amount of \$752,516.25. Mr. Minich introduced the Commission to this claim, noting that he has been in negotiations with this vendor. Mr. Gasaway said that while he is in support of this payment, he is unhappy with the time the Commission is being given to consider. At the previous meeting he made a similar request and moving forward he would not vote in favor of payments without the appropriate time to review. Mr. Chalik asked that the Commission be given one week on all claims. Mr. Casey said that he would be ensuring this occurs in the future. Mr. Chalik motioned to approve both claims; Mr. Powley seconded; all approved.

New Business

- A. Resolution amending the original plan to include a new allocation area for the Flaherty & Collins development parcels.

Ms. Konieczny read the resolution in to the record by title only. Mr. McDermott motioned to accept the resolution as presented; Mr. Chalik seconded; all approved.

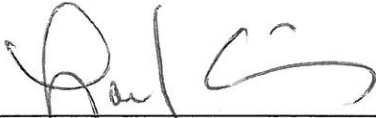
Old Business

- A. Ongoing Project Updates—Mr. Minich updated the Commission on progress in NewPorte Landing. He explained that Bluff City has had to be flexible to work on different areas of the site as their availability became necessary. Mr. Minich said he is happy with the progress and everything is on schedule.

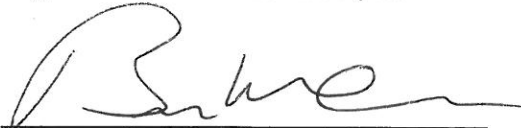
Other Business

Mr. Cook presented the development agreement with Rural King for improvements to the Maple Lane Mall. Rural King intends to remodel and occupy the former Kmart space and make improvements to the rest of the building in order to locate other tenants within. Mr. Cook told the Commission that the development agreement includes a lease arrangement in the amount of \$550,000 for a complete redesign and reconstruction of the parking lot on-site. The redesign of the parking lot will be done in conjunction with the City of La Porte Engineering Department. In addition, the La Porte Urban Enterprise Association is also partnering on this project. Rural King intends to open by March of 2021. Mr. Cook introduced Mr. Brock Ashley and Mr. Blake Pierce from Rural King to answer any questions. The Commission did not have any questions but voiced excitement over the project. Mr. Chalik motioned to approve the agreement and ask President Konieczny to sign; Mr. Powley seconded; all approved.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Chalik motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Gasaway seconded the motion; all approved. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 pm.



Laura Konieczny, President



Brian Chalik, Vice President