

April 20, 2020

The Common Council of the City of LaPorte met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. by virtual attendance. (the meeting was live on Facebook and YouTube)

Pledge

Councilman Galloway led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Franke, Vincent, Brown, Feikes, West, Galloway and Cutler

Absent: None

Minutes

Mayor Dermody stated the Council received advance copies of the minutes from the March 16th and April 9th meeting and asked if there were any corrections or additions. Councilwoman Feikes moved to approve the March 16th minutes; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried. Councilwoman Feikes moved to approve the April 9th minutes; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

Petitions & Comments

Mayor Dermody advised the Council will address comments at the end of the meeting.

Annual Redevelopment Commission Report

Tom Casey, Director of Community Development & Planning, presented the Annual Redevelopment Commission Report to the Council. He noted in TIF I, the Commission continued engineering design for remediation of properties in NewPorte Landing; assisted in the funding of the Clear Lake flood plain map revision; continued wetland mitigation activities along the shores of Clear Lake; completed remediation for a medical office building site within Phase 2A area and began environmental clean-up for the remainder of Phase 2A area; completed design for the Clear Lake Boardwalk Overlook and Trailhead, Trail Connector and parking lot area east of NewPorte Blvd. In TIF II, the Commission completed design and the first phase for the Sewer Separation Project on Boyd Blvd. and in TIF IV, the Commission acquired farm property for stormwater management and future development adjacent to the TIF II and TIF IV areas.

Mayor Dermody noted the Council does not need to approve the report it is just a matter of record and required by State Law. Mr. Casey stated he would be happy to answer any questions from the Council. There were none.

Introduction of an Ordinance of the City of LaPorte, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of LaPorte, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (F & C Development, Inc. Project), and the Lending of the Proceeds thereof to Greater LaPorte Economic Development Corporation, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto

Councilwoman West moved to introduce an Ordinance for the first time in its entirety; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilwoman West read an Ordinance of the City of LaPorte, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of the City of LaPorte, Indiana, Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds (F & C Development, Inc. Project), and the Lending of the Proceeds thereof to Greater LaPorte Economic Development Corporation, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto in its entirety.

Mayor Dermody asked Bert Cook, Executive Director of LEAP, to give a little background information on this Ordinance. Mr. Cook advised Andy Mouser and Jason Semler from Baker Tilly were in attendance should the Council have any financial questions as they along with Tom Pitman, Bond Counsel for Barnes and Thornburg were instrumental in putting all this language together.

Mr. Cook reported this is the last leg for the Flaherty & Collins project in NewPorte Landing for a 200 high end apartment complex along with 5,000 square feet of commercial space. He explained this Ordinance and the following Resolution is to move forward with a bond for the project which will be paid with additional tax monies allocated from this project through the TIF. He stated Flaherty & Collins will pay \$440,000 annually for the life of the bond. Mr. Cook stated the Resolution is for a sub-lease through GLEDC as a mechanism for the funding for tax purposes.

Mayor Dermody stated the money for this bond will not be paid with general fund dollars. Mr. Cook stated that is correct.

Second and final reading of this Ordinance will take place at the next regular Council meeting.

Introduction of a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of LaPorte, Indiana, Approving a Sublease between the Greater LaPorte Economic Development Corporation, as Sublessor, and the City of LaPorte Redevelopment Commission, as Sublessee (together with F & C Development, Inc. as Co-Sublessee), and Addressing Matters Related Thereto

Councilman Vincent moved to introduce a Resolution; motion seconded by Councilwoman Feikes and unanimously carried. Councilman Vincent read a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of LaPorte, Indiana, Approving a Sublease between the Greater LaPorte Economic Development Corporation, as Sublessor, and the City of LaPorte Redevelopment Commission, as Sublessee (together with F & C Development, Inc. as Co-Sublessee), and Addressing Matters Related Thereto in its entirety.

Motion/Vote – Adopt Resolution R-4-2020

Councilman Franke moved to approve the Resolution as presented; motion seconded by Councilman Vincent.

Mr. Cook answered questions regarding this Resolution.

The motion to approve the Resolution was carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Vincent, Feikes, Cutler, Galloway, West and Franke

Nays: None

Abstain: Brown

RESOLUTION R-4-2020
RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAPORTE, INDIANA,
APPROVING A SUBLEASE BETWEEN THE GREATER LAPORTE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AS SUBLESSOR, AND THE CITY OF LAPORTE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, AS SUBLESSEE (TOGETHER WITH
F & C DEVELOPMENT, INC. AS CO-SUBLESSEE), AND ADDRESSING
MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Other Business

Mayor Dermody stated these last few weeks has found us in unique times. He stated he is expecting the Governor will be lifting some restrictions in early May, what will be lifted he does not know.

Clerk-Treasurer Courtney Parthun reported the City's Utility Billing Office has been able to help over 300 residents remotely over the past several weeks. She advised residents can pay their bills online either through the onetime portal, credit card and what we are recommending is they sign up for ACH. The office staff is available through email at utilitybilling@cityoflaportein.gov or by phone.

Mayor Dermody advised the City's Communications Director, Jess Bruder, is promoting the City's "Take 5 Program" where we are asking residents and businesses to take five minutes out of their day to clean-up the area around their homes and businesses and if you post a picture on the City's or Mayor's Facebook page you will get a LaPorte Proud t-shirt.

The Mayor answered questions from Facebook live including where the Flaherty & Collins project is located, 4th of July parade and whether the City will be extending or relaxing the number of people in retail establishments.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Councilwoman Feikes moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Councilwoman Cutler and unanimously carried.

Approved: _____
Thomas P. Dermody, Mayor

Attest: _____
Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: May 5, 2020