



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

## REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

5:15 P.M.

Remote Conference Call

Dial Access#: 800.444.2801

Conference Code#: 9809848

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held remotely via Conference Call Dial Access #: 800.444.2801 on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the hour of 5:15 P.M., ("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 5:17 P.M.

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:** Mayor Tom Dermody, Clerk-Treasurer Courtney Parthun, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Joanne Layman, Mr. Tom Casey, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Matt Hagenow, Mr. Nick Minich.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** Mr. Powley moved to approve the minutes from the April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting as presented; Mr. Chalik seconded; all approved.

**Claims:** Mr. Casey presented five claims for approval. Claim one was for Christopher Burke Engineering in the amount of \$5,481.34 for Pine Lake / Clear Lake LOMR. The second claim was for two invoices for Bluff City totaling \$1,629,490.54 for work completed in NewPorte Landing. Mr. Minich advised the amount would be less a 5% retainage fee. The third claim was reintroduced by Mr. Minich from the last meeting for Geosyntec in the amount of \$36,594.91. Mr. Minich reported after reviewing the contract the fees the Commission questioned at the last meeting are in fact included in the current contract with "an amount not to exceed." The fourth claim was for Jacob & Hefner for work completed in NewPorte Landing Phase 2 in the amount of \$46,811.48. The fifth and final claim was for Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones for May's legal services which totals \$4,596.40. Discussion was held regarding the timeliness in which the Commission receives claims and supporting documentation from the

claims docket. Mr. Chalik made a motion to defer the approval of claims to June 3, 2020 for a special meeting; motion seconded by JT McDermott and unanimously carried.

#### **Old Business**

- A. **Proposed Change Order for Boardwalk:** Mr. Minich proposed a change for the railing for the Boardwalk which would reduce cost. He recommended the Commission change the railing to stainless steel which will save \$23,750.00. He stated if the Commission is in favor of the proposed change, he will bring a change order for their approval at the next regular meeting. Mr. Minich advised the stainless-steel cable will give it a more nautical/lake look and will be more durable than the original design.
  
- B. **Proposal from Soil Solutions for NewPorte Landing Wetland Mitigation Site:** Mr. Minich presented a proposal from Soil Solutions for Wetland Mitigation in NewPorte Landing for a cost of \$8,250. Mr. Chalik moved to approve the proposal as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Gasaway and unanimously carried.

#### **New Business**

- A. Introduction of a Resolution of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission Confirming and Amendment to the Declaratory Resolution and the Redevelopment Plan for the Central Business Redevelopment Area
  - a. As this Resolution requires a public hearing, Ms. Konieczny opened the public hearing.
  - b. Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer, presented proof of publication which was advertised in the La Porte Herald Argus on May 14, 2020.
  - c. Ms. Konieczny read the Resolution in its entirety.
  - d. Ms. Konieczny inquired if there were any written public comments submitted. The Clerk-Treasurer advised there were none. She asked if there were any call-in public comments via the conference call line. There were none.
  - e. As there were no public comments, Ms. Konieczny closed the public hearing at 5:47 P.M.

Motion/Vote – Adopt Resolution No. 4-2020

Mr. McDermott moved to adopt the Resolution as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Chalik and unanimously carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2020**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CONFIRMING AND AMENDMENT TO THE DECLARATORY RESOLUTION AND THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

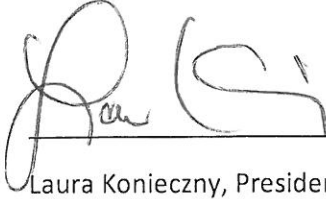
#### **Other Business**

Attorney Hagenow advised there is an outstanding invoice from April 2020 in the amount of \$4,583.33 which was left off the claim docket. Mr. Chalik moved to approve the claim; motion seconded by Mr. Powley and unanimously carried.

Ms. Konieczny announced the Redevelopment Commission will hold a special meeting on June 3, 2020 at 5:15 P.M. to review and approve claims.

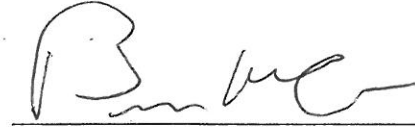
**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Chalik moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. McDermott and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 P.M.



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Laura Konieczny, President



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Brian Chalik, Vice President