



REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
801 MICHIGAN AVENUE  
LA PORTE, INDIANA 46350

## REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

5:15 P.M.

**Zoom Web Conferencing Meeting**

Remote Conference Call for Public Comment

Dial Access#: 800.444.2801

Conference Code#: 9809848.

A meeting of the City of La Porte Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), was held remotely via Zoom Web Conferencing with Public Comment via Conference Call Dial Access #: 800.444.2801 on Wednesday, June 24<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 5:16 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:** Clerk-Treasurer Courtney Parthun, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Joanne Layman, Mr. Nick Minich, Mr. Tom Casey, Mr. Bert Cook, Mr. Matt Hagenow.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** Mr. Powley moved to approve the minutes from the May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular meeting and the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Special Meeting as presented; motion was seconded by Mr. Gasaway and unanimously carried.

**Claims:** Mr. Casey presented the following claims for approval. Claim one was for Barnes & Thornburg in the amount of \$1,320.00 for Services Regarding Plan Amendment. The second claim was for three invoices for Soil Solutions totaling \$6,812.50 for work completed in NewPorte Landing. The third claim was for Geosyntec for two invoices totaling \$20,207.51. The fourth claim was for Jacob & Hefner for work completed in NewPorte Landing Phase 2 in the amount of \$90,659.90. The fifth claim was for Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones for May's legal services which totals \$4,583.33. The sixth and final claim was for La Porte Herald Argus for two invoices totaling

\$75.99 for publishing Public Hearing Notices. Mr. Chalik made a motion to approve claims; motion seconded by Damon Gasaway and unanimously carried.

#### Old Business

- A. **NewPorte Landing:** Mr. Minich reported that Environmental at New Porte Landing is still progressing. They are removing contaminated materials and dewatering the site while staying within Flaherty & Collins' timeline. Mr. Minich explained dewatering to the Commission. Mr. Gasaway inquired about the timeline for Flaherty & Collins. Mr. Minich explained buildings 1 and 2 should be ready by the July 1, 2020 timeline.
- B. **Clear Lake Trail Boardwalk Change Order Discussion:** Mr. Minich requested approval of a Change Order for a welded wire mesh guardrail instead of stainless steel which will result in a net decrease in cost of \$22,849. Mr. McDermott made a motion to approve the change order; motion seconded by Mr. Powley and unanimously carried.
- C. **On-Call Professional Services Agreement:** Mr. Minich advised the Commission had previously approved a pay as you go contract with Lochner Group. Mr. Minich reported John Smith recently left Lochner and began with USI Consultants, Inc. Since John Smith is very familiar with these specific projects, Mr. Minich requested approval from the Commission to continue working with John Smith. He has received a proposal for field assistance on the Boardwalk and Stone Lake Trailhead projects. This is a standard on-call services contract not to exceed \$15,000 and Mr. Smith would be assisting on an as-needed basis. Mr. Powley made a motion to approve this On-Call Professional Services Agreement; motion seconded by Mr. Chalik and unanimously carried.
- D. Mr. Casey requested original signatures from the Commission on two resolutions related to Flaherty and Collins and asked if they could sign at their earliest convenience.  
Mr. Cook advised there will be an Executive Session before the next RDC meeting to discuss real estate.  
Ms. Konieczny noted that she recently saw the social media post highlighting the Flaherty and Collins rendering which created excitement within the community.

**New Business:** None

**Other Business:** None

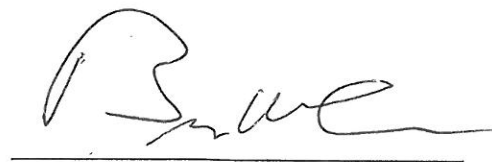
#### Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Chalik moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Gasaway and unanimously carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 P.M.



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Laura Konieczny, President



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Brian Chalik, Vice President