

## HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

### PLENARY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in person at Town Hall on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The regular scheduled plenary business meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Sean Conley.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Bond Swearing-In:** Clerk-Treasurer Mark Herak came to swear in Commissioners Leep, Black, and Georgeff.

**Roll Call:** Commissioners Bill Leep, Town Council President Tom Black, and George Georgeff were present in person at Town Hall.

Commission President Sean Conley was present via zoom.

Commissioner Alex Robertson was excused.

**Additional Officials Present:** Maria Becerra, Redevelopment Director; Susan Hale, Assistant Redevelopment Director; John Reed, Attorney; Pat Krull, Non-Voting Member/School Board Representative; Mark Herak, Clerk-Treasurer

**Also Present:** None

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings:** The 6/28 Study Session, 6/28 Plenary Meeting, & 7/11 Study Session Minutes were Approved with 4 in Favor and none opposed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Special Orders:** None

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:** TIF Merging – Town Council President Tom Black said that the Town Council is interested and the Commission asked Director Becerra to reach out to Dan Botich to move forward with this project. Attorney Reed explained that Dan Botich should be instructed not to remove any properties from either district.

2024 Budgets – The Commission discussed the budget for next year, and Maria was asked to schedule a meeting with Sean Conley and Mark Herak to discuss the budget. The Commissioners also expressed that they want a similar budget to last year, and to make sure the \$100k for Commercial Grants is included. The Commission also expressed a desire to include raises for Redevelopment Staff. Commissioner Georgeff explained that the budget should increase the budget by an estimate of what the levee will generate. Commissioner Leep brought up the new requirements for having a spending plan for the next year. Attorney Reed said he will check with a legislative lawyer he knows.

Commercial Grant Revisions – The Commission was presented with a copy of the revised guidelines. Attorney Reed said that the Commission would need to pass a resolution to adopt the new guidelines then bring this to the Town Council.

**New Business:** Commissioner George Georgeff made a motion to authorize President Sean Conley to engage in conversations with Aide Rentals, and if he sees fit, between him and Maria, to order two appraisals on the property. The motion was approved 4-0.

**Action to Pay Accounts Payable Vouchers:** The Motion to Pay Accounts Payable Vouchers was approved 4-0.

**Business from the Commissioners:** Commissioner Tom Black asked Redevelopment Staff to look into America In Bloom Grants that he said he saw in Munster and Dyer.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by President Sean Conley at 7:02 PM.