

HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY JANUARY 29, 2024

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) met in person at Town Hall on Monday January 29, 2024. The Special meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President George Georgeff.

Roll Call: Commissioners Phil Scheeringa, George Georgeff, Tom Black, and Alex Robertson were present in person at Town Hall. Doug Turich & Pat Krull was excused.

Other Officials present: Attorney John Reed, Redevelopment Director Maria Becerra & Jim Higgins, Financial Consultant.

Resolutions #2024-04 – Legal Representation for Acquisition/Condemnation. Director Becerra stated we did receive two quotes for legal services.

Attorney Reed, mentioned we are still waiting for Adam Decker’s proposal. We have received Mike Jasaitis from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis firm, all good lawyers they do a ton of Municipal work. Adam Sedia, I have known for many years, his father was a lawyer. Adam represents the Town of Dyer with me and has done other municipal work. Adam Decker is the next one we are waiting for. You don’t have to make the call tonight. Adam is also an excellent attorney, I think he represents the Clerk Treasurer in St. John and some other municipal entities. These are all good people to choose from.

Director Becerra asked, so what will they be representing us with? Atty Reed responded, basically, they only reason I can’t do it is because of EMCOR and EMCOR will benefit as a company from whatever we do. If its anything that can increase their wealth, I cannot do, like the condemnation. Once EMCOR is moved, it does not matter what I do. Factual questions I can work with when asked.

Commissioner Scheeringa, made a motion to table the Resolution, supported by Commissioner Black. 4 in favor, motion carried.

READI 2 Grant Director Becerra, as I had mentioned the READI Grant is available, the submission was due on the 19th, however I did call they have not closed out the portal. They would like a submission as soon as possible. The document that I handed out to you for the North Kennedy Development is for \$35 million. So the grant calls for a match of 3% Private investment, 1% local and 1% READI funds. So, I needed to know if this is something you would want us to pursue. If so, I need it in the minutes that you agree, so that it can be submitted with the application. President Georgeff, stated that we need a motion to authorize Maria to proceed with an application and to enlist Dan Botich and Jim Higgins, if she needs assistance. Motion made by Phil Scheeringa, supported by Commissioner Robertson. All in favor signified with ayes, none opposed. Motion carries.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by President Georgeff at 8:10 PM.

DULY PASSED AND RESOLVED by the Highland Redevelopment Commission, Highland, Lake County, Indiana, this 26th day of February 2024, having passed by a vote 3 in favor and 0 opposed.

Highland Redevelopment Commission

President

ATTEST:

Secretary