TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 21, 2020

A regular meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission convened at 7:58 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020. At the time of this meeting, the country was facing a pandemic outbreak of the Coronavirus. In response, Indiana Governor Holcomb issued a series of Executive Orders which, among other things, declared a public health emergency and suspended various statutes. Executive Order 20-04 specifically addressed public meetings and the Open-Door Law. This Executive Order, along with the opinion of the Indiana Public Access Counselor, allows for meetings to be held in a virtual environment. Subsequent Executive Orders have extended this practice.

The announced meeting location was Munster Town Hall. Executive Order 20-43 requires adherence to Centers for Disease Control guidelines regarding the number of people gathering in one location and maintaining distance of at least six feet from another person. As a result, Councilors, Staff, and the public had the option to participate via Zoom meeting technology. Commissioners Chuck Gardiner, Lee Ann Mellon, and School Town of Munster Representative John Castro were physically present at Munster Town Hall. Commissioners Andy Koultourides, Ken Schoon, and Steven Tulowitzki were present in the virtual setting. It is believed each was in a different location. President Mellon presided.

Controller Patricia Abbott, Executive Director Dustin Anderson, and Town Attorney David W. Westland were physically present at Munster Town Hall. President Mellon presided. The public was given the information needed to access the meeting virtually and some took advantage of it. The news media were not represented.

The Redevelopment Commission has sought legal counsel and has performed its due diligence to the best of its ability in a highly unusual situation. The Redevelopment Commission believes it is acting in accordance with Indiana State law, the Governor's Executive Orders, and the interpretations and directives of other state agencies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Because of the unique nature of this meeting, the Town of Munster accepted public comment submitted electronically. The public was informed, via the agenda posted at munster.org, that questions or comments about an item on the agenda were to be emailed to danderson@munster.org. No such submissions were received.

No one rose to claim the floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting on December 7, 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12C dated 12/10/20 totaling $170,103.37
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12D dated 12/15/20 totaling $726.95
Approval of Voucher Register #R20-12E dated 12/21/20 totaling $1,563.14
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12F dated 12/17/20 totaling $172,243.67
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12G dated 12/18/20 totaling $4,374.71

Commissioner Koultourides moved, with a second by Commissioner Schoon, to approve the Consent Agenda as given. Commissioners Schoon, Gardiner, Tulowitzki, Koultourides and Mellon voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon a motion by Commissioner Gardiner seconded by Commissioner Koultourides, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m. by voice vote.

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Lee Ann Mellon, President

ATTEST:

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Wendy Mis, Executive Secretary