

**TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 7, 2021**

A special meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission convened at 7:38 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021. 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 Ken Schoon, Lee Ann Mellon, Steven Tulowitzki, Chuck Gardiner, and Andy Koultourides and School Town of Munster Representative John Castro were physically present at Munster Town Hall. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Mis, Controller Patricia Abbott, Executive Director Dustin Anderson, and Town Attorney David W. Westland. 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.

This was the first meeting of the year and the Redevelopment Commission needed to organize itself by electing officers. As a result, Clerk-Treasurer Mis opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. She then presided over the meeting until the reorganization was completed.

REORGANIZATION OF THE MUNSTER REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Clerk-Treasurer Mis opened the floor to nominations for the office of Redevelopment Commission President for the year 2021. Commissioner Gardiner nominated Commissioner Koultourides. Commissioner Mellon seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Commissioner Koultourides accepted the nomination. Motion carried *viva voce*. Commissioner Koultourides was elected as Redevelopment Commission President for the year 2021.

Clerk-Treasurer Mis opened the floor to nominations for the office of Redevelopment Commission Vice President for the year 2021. Commissioner Koultourides nominated Commissioner Gardiner. Commissioner Tulowitzki seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations and Commissioner Gardiner accepted the nomination. Motion carried *viva voce*. Commissioner Gardiner was elected as Redevelopment Commission Vice President for the year 2021.

Commissioner Gardiner moved, with a second by Commissioner Koultourides to nominate Commissioner Tulowitzki as Secretary, Dave Westland as Redevelopment Commission Attorney, Wendy Mis as Executive Secretary, and Dustin Anderson as Executive Director each for the year 2021. All accepted the nominations. Motion carried *viva voce*.

Executive Secretary Mis relinquished the gavel and President Koultourides presided over the remainder of the meeting.

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 21, 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12H dated 12/23/20 totaling \$586,001.56
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12I dated 12/15/20 totaling \$869,088.86
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12J dated 12/31/20 totaling \$3,730.66
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12K dated 12/30/20 totaling \$1,764,664.01
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R20-12L dated 12/30/20 totaling \$328,625.00
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R21-01A dated 01/07/21 totaling \$5,250.00
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R21-01b dated 01/07/21 totaling \$1,637.75

Commissioner Mellon moved, with a second by Commissioner Schoon, to approve the Consent Agenda as given. Commissioners Schoon, Mellon, Tulowitzki, Gardiner, and Koultourides 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 Schoon seconded by Commissioner Tulowitzki, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by voice vote.

Andy Koultourides, President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Executive Secretary