TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JULY 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission convened at 8:17 p.m. on Monday, July 6, 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.

The announced meeting location was Munster Town Hall. Due to the restrictions on the number of people allowed to gather in one location and the requirement to maintain a distance of at least six feet from another person, Commissioners Chuck Gardiner, Lee Ann Mellon, Kenneth J. Schoon, Steven Tulowitzki, School Town of Munster Representative John Castro, Town Attorney David W. Westland, and Munster Representative to the Hammond Sanitary District Mike Hawkins were each present in a virtual setting, aided by Zoom meeting technology. It is believed each person was in a different physical location. President Mellon presided. The public was given the information needed to access the meeting virtually and some took advantage of it. Commissioner Andy Koultourides, Executive Secretary Wendy Mis, Controller Patricia L. Abbott, and Executive Director Dustin Anderson were the only people physically present at Munster Town Hall. 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 only 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. Mr. Anderson stated that no submissions were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting on June 15, 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #20-6E dated 06/19/2020 totaling $4,488.99
Confirmation of Voucher Register #20-6F dated 06/25/2020 totaling $5,953.34
Approval of Voucher Register #20-7A dated 07/06/2020 totaling $5,250.00
Confirmation of Voucher Register #20-7B dated 07/06/2020 totaling $3,568.00
Confirmation of Voucher Register #20-7C dated 07/01/2020 totaling $332,406.25
Confirmation of Voucher Register #20-7D dated 07/14/2020 totaling $1,774,475.01
Confirmation of Voucher Register #20-7E dated 07/03/2020 totaling $4,452.38

Commissioner Tulowitzki, with a second by Commissioner Koultourides, moved to suspend the rules, waive the readings and approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioners Schoon, Gardiner, Tulowitzki, Koultourides and Mellon voted in favor; none voted against. The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Gardiner moved with a second by Commissioner Koultourides to adjourn. By voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Lee Ann Mellon, President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Executive Secretary