TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
DECEMBER 20, 2021

A regular meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission convened at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20, 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. Councilors, Staff, and the public had the option to participate via Zoom meeting technology.

Commissioners Chuck Gardiner, Andy Koultourides, Lee Ann Mellon, Ken Schoon, and Steven Tulowitzki were physically present in Town Hall. School Town of Munster Representative John Castro were absent. President Koultourides presided.

Also present in Town Hall were Clerk-Treasurer Wendy Mis, Controller Patricia Abbott, Town Manager Dustin Anderson, Police Chief Stephen Scheckel, Police Lieutenant Daymon Johnston, Town Attorney Dave Westland, Director of Operations Steve Gunty, Hammond Sanitary District Mike Hawkins, Superintendent of Operations Chris Spolnik and Water Crew Leader David White. No one was present virtually. The news media were not represented. The public was given the information needed to access the meeting virtually, and none took advantage of it.

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 6, 2021

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Confirmation of Voucher Register #R21-10J dated 10/31/21 totaling $432.64
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R21-12E dated 12/09/21 totaling $4,500.00
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R21-12F dated 12/17/21 totaling $4,551.99
Approval of Voucher Register #R21-12G dated 12/20/21 totaling $521.05
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R21-12H dated 12/20/21 totaling $1,520.00

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

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NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING OF REDEVELOPMENT TAXING UNITS

Indiana Code 36-7-25-8 mandates that certain information will be presented to "the governing bodies of all taxing units that have territory within an allocation area of the redevelopment commission." The information to be presented includes the commission's budget with respect to allocated property tax proceeds, the long-term plans for the allocation area, and the impact of each of the taxing units. Accordingly, members of the Lake County Council, the School Town of Munster, the North Township Board, the Lake County Public Library, the Hammond Sanitary District, and the Munster Town Council were invited to the meeting.

Executive Secretary Mis will forward the financial information to those unable to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by voice vote.

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Andy Koultourides, President

ATTEST:

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Wendy Mis, Executive Secretary

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