

**TOWN OF MUNSTER
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 17, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Munster Redevelopment Commission convened at 7:44 p.m. on Monday, January 17, 2022. 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 Koulourides, Lee Ann Mellon, Ken Schoon, Steven Tulowitzki, and School Town of Munster Representative John Castro were physically present in Town Hall.

Also present in Town Hall were Executive Secretary Wendy Mis, Controller Patricia Abbott, Executive Director Dustin Anderson, Attorney David W. Westland, Fire Chief Mark Hajduk, Director of Operations Stephen Gunty, Planning Director Thomas Vander Woude, and Superintendent of Operations Chris Spolnik. Munster Representative to the Hammond Sanitary District Mike Hawkins. was present in the virtual setting. 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.

Treasurer Mis presided over the meeting until the redevelopment commissioners selected officers. The members of the Munster Redevelopment Commission were appointed on December 20, 2021, by the Town Council and the Town Council President for one-year terms ending December 31, 2022.

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.

ORGANIZATION OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Treasurer Mis opened the floor to nominations for the office of President of the Munster Redevelopment Commission for the year 2022. Commissioner Koulourides nominated Commissioner Gardiner. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Schoon. Commissioner Gardiner accepted the nomination. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Mis declared nominations closed. Commissioners Schoon, Mellon, Schoon, Tulowitzki, and Gardiner voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mis then relinquished the gavel to President Gardiner who presided over the remainder of the meeting.

President Gardiner opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice President of the Munster Redevelopment Commission for the year 2022. Commissioner Schoon nominated Commissioner Mellon. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Koulourides. Commissioner Mellon accepted the nomination. There

being no further nominations, Mrs. Mis declared nominations closed. Commissioners Schoon, Mellon, Tulowitzki, Koultourides, and Gardiner voted in favor; none voted against. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting on December 20, 2021

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER REGISTERS

Approval of Voucher Register #R 21-11I dated 11/30/21 totaling \$466.48
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R 21-12I dated 12/22/21 totaling \$1,025.31
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R 21-12J dated 12/29/21 totaling \$5,158.37
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R 21-12K dated 12/31/21 totaling \$4,552.01
Confirmation of Voucher Register #R22-1A dated 01/14/22 totaling \$4,834.86
Approval of Voucher Register #R22-1B dated 01/17/22 totaling \$7,396.25
Approval of Voucher Register #R22-1C dated 01/17/22 totaling \$1,201.00

Commissioner Koultourides moved, with a second by Commissioner Schoon, to approve the Consent Agenda as given. Commissioners Schoon, Mellon, Tulowitzki, Koultourides, and Gardiner 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 Tulowitzki seconded by Commissioner Koultourides, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. by voice vote.

President

ATTEST:

Wendy Mis, Executive Secretary