



Redevelopment Commission

City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

City Building

300 E. Pike Street, 2nd Floor
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

February 18, 2025 at 8:30 AM

Meeting Minutes

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission met in regular session on February 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Members present were: Virginia Servies, Thomas Neal, and Conrad Harvey. Members Steve McLaughlin and Jack Whitecotton were not in attendance. Others in attendance were: Mayor Todd Barton; Brandy Allen, Director of Operations & Community Development; City Clerk-Treasurer Karyn Douglas; Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; Cheryl Morphew, Economic Development Consultant; Kent Minnette, City Attorney of Taylor, Minnette, Schneider, and Clutter; and Kathryn Fisher, Executive Assistant, Planning & Building Services.

President Virginia Servies called the meeting to order and roll was called.

Meeting minutes from January 21, 2025 were presented to the Commission for consideration. Thomas Neal moved to approve the minutes as presented. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commission received and considered a list of claims for consideration. Conrad Harvey moved to approve the claims as submitted. Thomas Neal seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commission received and acknowledged receipt of the financial reports.

Under items of new business, the Commission reviewed and considered proposed changes to the Commerce Park mowing specifications and the Commerce Park landscaping specifications. Ms. Huckstep asked whether the Commission would like to follow the bid process or the quote process. Commission members felt the bid process was appropriate. Thomas Neal moved to approve the mowing specifications and the landscaping specifications as presented. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Thomas Neal moved to post the Commerce Park mowing and the Commerce Park landscaping contracts for bid, to be received and considered at the March meeting. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Barton provided an update. He reminded the Commission that in July the meetings would begin being live-streamed and retained on the City's website for six months. Mayor Barton stated the State of the City would be broadcast on Thursday, February 27th. He reported things to be going well with the Career Center and Ivy Tech building, with the exception of a few physical things to address with the building. Mayor Barton stated Arbor is getting ready to close on their bonds and would begin



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constructing their model homes as weather permits. He reported a lot of activity on the south side. Mayor Barton reported the Ben Hur building to be moving along, with occupancy on track for April at this time. He stated the Early Learning Center would be holding their ribbon cutting ceremony on March 6th and tentatively opening for business on March 17th. Mayor Barton reported that they had acquired all of the right-of-way for the Schenck Road project, which would be moving forward. He reminded the Commission that the City had been awarded the planning grant for the Market Street rail. However, there is uncertainty surrounding federal funding at this time. Mayor Barton stated they are beginning the design work on Shortz Nature Park. He reported Shelley Drain to be ready and waiting on supplies. Mayor Barton reported working with Niches Land Trust to acquire some property along Sugar Creek between the power plant and the rail trestle.

Cheryl Morphew came forward with an economic development update. She stated leads had been strong, with six since the last meeting. Ms. Morphew reported the leads to be consistent with what had been seen previously, that the City would not be pursuing. She stated that the next Workforce Alliance meeting would be next Thursday, with the primary agenda being focused on RLS & Associates, the firm who would be leading the public transportation needs assessment. Ms. Morphew stated they had drafted an agenda for this year's six week first time supervisor training. She stated they are waiting on pricing to be able to move forward with that. Ms. Morphew reported they had also been working on a series of employer workshops for the Ascend Indiana Youth Apprenticeship program.

With no further business, it was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2025 and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 3.18.25

Virginia Lewis

President

Paul Whitworth

Member

Paul D. Hays

Member

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