



## **Redevelopment Commission**

### **City of Crawfordsville, Indiana**

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

### **March 18, 2025 at 8:30 AM**

#### **Meeting Minutes**

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission met in regular session on March 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Members present were: Virginia Servies, Conrad Harvey, Jack Whitecotton, Mike Brier, and ex-officio member Steve McLaughlin. Others in attendance were: Brandy Allen, Director of Operations & Community Development; Megan Huckstep, Director of Planning & Building Services; Cheryl Morphey, 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 February 18, 2025 were presented to the Commission for consideration. Jack Whitecotton moved to approve the minutes as presented. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Commission received and considered a list of claims for consideration. Jack Whitecotton moved to approve the claims as submitted. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Commission received and considered the financial reports. Conrad Harvey moved to approve the financial reports as submitted. Jack Whitecotton seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Under items of new business, the Commission received and opened sealed bids for Crawfordsville Commerce Park landscaping. The bids were submitted as follows:

Crawfordsville Outdoor - \$7,400 (\$925/month)  
Sugar Creek Lawn & Hardscapes - \$13,800  
Ervin Property Management - \$12,500

The Commission received and opened sealed bids for Crawfordsville Commerce Park mowing. The bids were submitted as follows:

Ervin Property Management - \$13,000  
Sugar Creek Lawn & Hardscapes - \$6,800  
Crawfordsville Outdoor - \$6,800 (\$850/month)

Jack Whitecotton moved to take the Crawfordsville Commerce Park mowing and landscaping bids under advisement for consideration at a special meeting of the



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Redevelopment Commission to be held on April 1, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Continuing with items of new business, Matt Frische of Reedy Financial came forward to provide a 2024 Spending Report. He referred to a presentation that been prepared by Reedy Financial. Jack Whitecotton moved to acknowledge the report as presented. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Brandy Allen, Director of Operations & Community Development was present to provide an update in Mayor Todd Barton's place. Mrs. Allen reported that Mayor Barton had been spending a lot of time at the State House in attempt to stay involved and aware of changes and the impact on the community. She discussed Motocross of Nations coming in October, reporting that the committee meets monthly and is broken down into many subcommittees for planning both at the track and within the community and beyond. Mrs. Allen reminded the Commission that the meetings would begin to be livestreamed and posted on the City's website in July. She stated there had been a kickoff meeting for the planning of Shortz Nature Park. Mrs. Allen stated they had been issued permits from INDOT for the wayfinding signage. She reported that the high school lift station project would be beginning this week, if it had not already. Mrs. Allen reported that they had submitted the final plans to INDOT for the Schenck Road project and it would go to bid in July. She reported that after the federal funding freeze and uncertainty, the Market Street Rail project would be proceeding and a kickoff meeting had been scheduled for April. Mrs. Allen reported that the first phase of the Shelley Drain project would begin tomorrow. She reported that the Sugar Creek Erosion grant round one had wrapped up and they had made application for round two. However, again with the uncertainty surrounding federal funding, they are unsure when there would be a response. Mrs. Allen reported that the Arbor Homes subdivision continues to move forward. She reported that they had been in discussions with developers for the remainder of available land between 150 S and Purple Heart Parkway extension. Mrs. Allen reported the Ben Hur building should begin leasing in May. She stated they had just received plans for the +/- 400 units on the south side yesterday. Mrs. Allen reported that all of the Commerce Park projects continue to move forward. She reported that the Montgomery County Early Learning Center had opened. Lastly, Mrs. Allen reported that Mayor Barton had submitted READI 2 projects, but they were still waiting on Purdue to spend down their READI 1 projects to be able to move forward.

Cheryl Morpew came forward with an economic development update. She stated there had been 11 leads, consistent with what had been seen previously, that the City would not be pursuing. Mrs. Morpew stated they had three headquarter visits scheduled for this year and they had also begun BR & E visits for the year. She reported they had been working with the Secretary of State's office, who had launched a program called



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What's Up 24-7 as a sort of small business directory. Mrs. Morpew reported that the Supervisor Training would begin in April, with twenty-three cohorts from six different companies. She stated there would be a job fair for the displaced workers of California Pellet Mill, which falls on the same date as the Workforce Alliance meeting so that would be cancelled. Mrs. Morpew stated they are finalizing the Ascend Youth Apprenticeship program. Lastly, she reported they would be holding a public input meeting tomorrow, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Fusion 54 for the public transportation initiative.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 5.20.23

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President

Carl D. Henry

Member

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