



Redevelopment Commission City of Crawfordsville, Indiana

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

June 17, 2025 at 8:30 AM Meeting Minutes

The Crawfordsville Redevelopment Commission met in regular session on June 17, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. Members present were: Virginia Servies, Mike Brier, Conrad Harvey, and Steve McLaughlin. Member Jack Whitecotton was not present. Others in attendance were: Mayor Todd Barton; City Clerk-Treasurer Karyn Douglas; 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 May 20, 2025 were presented to the Commission for consideration. Conrad Harvey moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Brier seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

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

The Commission received the financial reports. City Clerk-Treasurer Karyn Douglas noted that the tax draw would take place in about a week. Mike Brier moved to acknowledge receipt of the financial reports. Conrad Harvey seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Todd Barton provided an update. He stated they are working with Reedy Financial to understand the changes from Senate Enrolled Act 1 however, he felt confident in the advisors and the team that would be charting the way. Mayor Barton stated it would affect the budget for 2026, as well as the adoption of a wheel tax. He noted there would be changes to future agendas including a list of members, their term, and who they were appointed by. Mayor Barton reminded Commission members that livestreaming would begin in July. He reported they are planning for the next phase on the south side, with all of the land between the Purple Heart Parkway extension and 150 S either being under contract or sold for development. Mayor Barton stated there would be significant retail in the area directly behind the existing veterinarian office, then multi-family apartments, and then single-family housing proposed closer to Ladoga Road. He stated the infrastructure is about 2/3 of the way complete, needing still some sewer, water, and a connecting road between 150 S and Purple Heart Parkway. Mayor Barton said they would be TIFing that area and construction would begin late fall, early spring. He reported that to put the significant growth into numbers, it would be about 1,000 new doorsteps of growth. Mayor Barton reported that the ribbon cutting for the Ben Hur



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Apartments would take place at 2:00 p.m. on Friday with an open house to follow, 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. He stated they are working through the Career Academy and how that will continue to evolve. Mayor Barton reported they are working through READI 2 process, which would be used for the connector road between Purple Heart Parkway and 150 S. He reported at lot of retail activity on the south side. Mayor Barton stated the Shelley Drain project is all but done at this point. Lastly, he spoke about the INDOT funding for the public transportation initiative.

Economic Development Consultant Cheryl Morphew provided an update. She stated there had been five business attraction leads that we would not be pursuing. Ms. Morphew stated they are working on one active project. She reported that they are in the midst of annual business retention visits, including two corporate headquarter visits as well. Ms. Morphew stated they are working with Purdue's Office of Industry Relationships who has created a program called ManuFuture, a peer problem-solving cohort for manufacturing at no cost. She stated the next Workforce Alliance meeting would take place next Thursday at the Career Academy and would largely focus on MXON. Ms. Morphew reported the Ascend Indiana Youth Apprenticeship would have 12 apprentices starting the next school year in early education/childcare. She reported they held their workforce signing in May, which had 16 students sign with area employers. Ms. Morphew reported the professional leadership series had wrapped up and after reviewing this year's program they would be continuing the series. Finally, she reported that the INDOT grant had been approved for \$261,360 in matching funds for the public transit program that would begin in 2026. She stated there would be a public input session at Fusion on July 17th at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business, it was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for July 15, 2025 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Minutes Approved: 9/11/25

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