



## CITY OF LAWRENCE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

February 27, 2018

4:00 p.m.

Public Assembly Room

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** David Blount, Jerry Clifford, Dick Freije, Brian Hicks, Bruce Kimery, and Frank Sullivan.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Economic Development Director Cam Starnes, Corporation Counsel David Johnson, and Utilities Superintendent Scott Salsbery.

**Also present:** Chris Barnett (Lawrence CDC), and John Wolski (Ski Landscape).

**CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** President Jerry Clifford called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and announced a quorum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Clifford asked the minutes from January 23, 2018 be approved. Mr. Hicks made the motion; Mr. Kimery seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Claims were submitted for \$43,612.88. Mr. Starnes provided a summary of claims and answered questions from the Commission. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Blount seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

### STAFF REPORT:

- Redevelopment Commission budget:** Mr. Starnes provided a summary of baseline budget expenses and noted that a review of past several years was performed. Mr. Starnes answered questions from the Commission.
- 10930 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street:** Interest from a local manufacturer continues to progress. Mr. Starnes will seek to summarize a term sheet for consideration to present to the Commission at the March meeting.
- Trades District:**
  - Mr. Starnes updated the Commission on the Spring Symposium event by the Lawrence Chamber that focuses on technology, trades, and innovation. The program will include remarks from Mr. Starnes, a panel discussion with moderator Gerry Dick, and individuals from Ivy Tech, Bloomerang, and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. The event will be hosted at the McKenzie Career Center and will take place on April 18, 2018.
  - Mr. Starnes recently met with the contractor of a mechanical and refrigeration company that has continued interest in relocating headquarters within the Trades District. In addition, this company has a robust training program for their employees which includes not only technical and trades skills, but also life skills as well, making this prospect a good fit and well aligned with the Trades District concept. Mr. Starnes will ask the Commission for permission to authorize the drafting and release of an RFP for the land development of the RDC owned property in the near future.

4. **Lilly Arts Grant.** Mr. Starnes is working with Arts for Lawrence regarding the application process for a grant from the Lilly Endowment for public arts. An award of grant money could enhance the arts activity and access for the Lawrence community. To be considered for the application, Mr. Starnes will assist Arts for Lawrence with the submission of a concept paper and budget that is due at the end of March.
5. **42<sup>nd</sup>/Post.** Due to a recent ruling, the vacant Oaktree Apartments complex near the 42<sup>nd</sup> & Post area (Indianapolis side) has been ordered to be demolished. The 42<sup>nd</sup> Place Studio Apartments (Lawrence side) is under consideration of purchase by the new Maison Gardens property owners. They have reached out to Mr. Starnes who believes they will make good stewards of the property and would have a positive impact on the surrounding community.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Authorization of publication of a Request for Proposals for 4423/4399 Shadeland Avenue property for disposition in accordance with Indiana Law.** Mr. Starnes provided a summary and answered questions from the Commission. The Commission requested the following amendment as follows: Authorization and approval of publication of a Request for Proposals for 4423/4399 Shadeland Avenue property for disposition in accordance with Indiana Law. Mr. Sullivan made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion.
2. **Authorization of publication of a Request for Proposals for Pendleton Pike site for disposition in furtherance of Trades District plan in accordance with Indiana law.** Mr. Starnes provided a summary and answered questions from the Commission. The Commission requested the following amendment as follows: Authorization and approval of preparation of a Request for Proposals for Pendleton Pike site for disposition in furtherance of Trades District plan in accordance with Indiana Law. Mr. Sullivan made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion.
3. **Approval of professional services engagement with Taft, Stettinius & Hollister for real estate and economic development matters.** Mr. Starnes is working with Corporation Counsel to draft a project agreement to authorize an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 and which is subject to terms acceptable to the Commission. Mr. Sullivan made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Kimery seconded the motion.
4. **Resolution recognizing Bob Marien for his service to the Lawrence Redevelopment Commission.** Mr. Kimery read Resolution NO. 1-2018 for the Commission. Mr. Sullivan made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Blount seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.
5. **Resolution NO. 2-2018: Granting of sanitary sewer utility easement.** Mr. Starnes provided clarification for the Commission. Mr. Hicks made a motion for approval thereof; Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The Commission approved unanimously.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE RDC:** The Commission requested an annual RDC report by the next month's meeting date of Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, Mr. Clifford concluded business of the meeting. Mr. Sullivan motioned for adjournment at 5:05 p.m. and Mr. Blount seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Jerry Clifford, President

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Mary Jo Rothenbush, Recording Secretary

*These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussion held, with the exception of motions.*