

CITY OF AUSTIN, INDIANA REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2025

The Austin Redevelopment Commission met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, beginning at 8:05 AM.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

- a. Commissioners Buchanan, Alexander, McIntosh, Goodin, Deaton, and Mullins are present. Quorum established. Clerk-Treasurer Fugate is present.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. The Commission reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting held on December 19, 2024. After review, a motion was made by Commissioner Goodin and seconded by Commissioner Mullins to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0, and the minutes were approved and entered into the official record.

3. ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION

- a. The annual organizational meeting of the Commission was held. Commissioner Alexander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Goodin, to approve Commissioner Buchanan as President, Commissioner McIntosh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Goodin, to approve Commissioner Mullins as Vice-President, and Commissioner Alexander made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mullins to approve Commissioner Goodin as Secretary. Each individual motion carried unanimously, and the slate of officers was approved.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. The Commission reviewed the presented claims for payment. Following discussion and verification of the claims, a motion was made by Commissioner Goodin and seconded by Commissioner Mullins to approve the claims as submitted. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0, and the claims were approved for payment.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. President Buchanan had nothing to report.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Housing
 - i. Seeking quotes for the tear down of 135 N. Church Street. Quotes are due by this Friday. The Board discussed a proposal to authorize President Buchanan to accept and execute an agreement to tear down the structure located at 135 N. Church Street. A motion was made by Commissioner Alexander and seconded by Commissioner Goodin to grant President Buchanan the authority to proceed with accepting and executing an agreement, provided that the cost does not exceed \$4,800. Following discussion, the motion was put to a vote and was approved unanimously 5 to 0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Commission Engineer informed the Board that the City's application for the Indiana Finance Authority Infrastructure Grant Program was not successful. The Commission Engineer advised that efforts will now focus on identifying and pursuing alternative financing options to support the project. The Board expressed

its commitment to moving forward with the project and encouraged the Commission Engineer to explore all viable funding sources.

- b. Commission discusses quote from Duke Energy to install and maintain the decorative lighting and poles along Main Street. Mayor Hawkins has discussed the quote with S&L and S&L advised that the quote is reasonable and seems to cover all necessary components. The Commission reviewed the proposed Lighting Service Agreement from Duke Energy with a total cost of \$151,884.48. Duke has proposed multiple payment options. Commissioner McIntosh made a motion to approve funding the agreement and to finance the cost over a ten-year term. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodin. Following discussion, the motion was unanimously approved by the Commission 5 to 0.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Contract for Employment of Attorney
 - i. The Commission reviewed a proposed Contract for Employment of Attorney for legal services to be provided to the Commission for 2025. After discussion of the scope of representation, terms, and associated fees, a motion was made by Commissioner McIntosh and seconded by Commissioner Mullins to approve the agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously by a vote of 5 to 0, and the agreement was formally approved, authorizing its execution by the appropriate officials.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. None.

10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: February 26, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

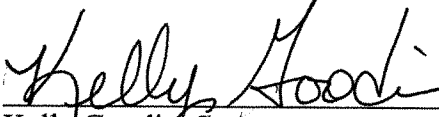
11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:54.

APPROVED on February 26, 2025, by a vote of _____ to _____.

Austin Redevelopment Commission

Richard L. Buchanan, President



Kelly Goodin, Secretary