

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 20, 2021**

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the Gary Redevelopment Commission met in a Regular session in a virtual meeting in its offices at 504 Broadway, Suite 200, Gary, Indiana on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

PRESENT:

**Eric E. Reaves, President
Adam Hall, Vice-President
George A. Rogge, Secretary
Jeremiah King, Member
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Member**

ABSENT:

Glenn I. Johnson, Representative of School Corp.

ALSO PRESENT:

**AJ Bytnar, Director
Carrol Pirtle, Deputy Director
Rodney Pol, Esq., Commission Attorney
Jeraldine Williams, Staff
Debera Backhus, Staff
Gregory Jenkins, Planning Director of the City of Gary
Carole Carson, Post-Tribune Newspaper
Carrie Napoleon, Post-Tribune Newspaper
David Forrester
Jacqueline Harris, The 411News
Janet
Edward Roberts
Lanee' Hollingsworth
John Sustarich**

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Reaves at 4:09 P. M.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Reaves, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Rogge, Commissioner King and Commissioner Sims were present. Mr. Johnson, Representative of School Corp. was absent.

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD of Executive Session, held Wednesday, January 20, 2021: Commissioner Reaves read into the record, "Statement of Executive Session. I hereby certify that nothing has been discussed in the Executive Session held immediately before this open meeting except those items specified and listed in the Notice". Commissioner Hall moved for approval of the Certificate of Record of the Executive Session. Commissioner Sims seconded.

The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL of Minutes of Special Meeting held on December 11, 2020. Commissioner Rogge moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2020. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

RECEIVE and OPEN BIDS for property located at 5700 – 6100 W. 15th Avenue for the Commission to hold, use, sell, exchange, lease, and rent or otherwise dispose of the property: Mr. Bytnar said Staff have received two bids for the property formerly known as the Ivanhoe Elementary School. The Notice to Bidders was advertised in the newspaper per State Law and it was placed on the City of Gary's website with the full documents. Mr. Bytnar said both bids that were dropped off were not sealed, so once the bids are opened we will confirm with each bidder that the contents they dropped off are the complete submittal for both of the bidders. Atty. Pol said both bidders will have to be contacted to affirm that the packet that they submitted and being viewed by the Commission are the full contents and nothing is missing and nothing has been included in their packet. Mr. Bytnar opened and read aloud the bid submitted by Caribbean Truck and Equipment, Inc. and said the submitted bid was in the amount of \$1.4 Million Dollars. Mr. Bytnar opened and read aloud the bid submitted by Jim Djuric of DJuric Trucking in the amount of \$1.35 Million Dollars. Mr. Bytnar said both bidders will be contacted to affirm the contents of their bid packet that they submitted. Commissioner Hall moved to close the receive and open of bids. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hall moved to refer the bids to Staff and Atty. Pol for review and for them to bring back to the Board their recommendation. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7119, a resolution affirming all actions taken by the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission during the year 2020: Atty. Pol said this is the re-affirmation and ratification of the agenda items and actions items that took place in the year 2020 by the Gary Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Hall seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Discussion: Mr. Bytnar said he had no new business to discuss.

PUBLIC Comment(s) on agenda items only: There was no comment.

COMMISSIONERS' Comments: There were no comments.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S Comments: Mr. Johnson was absent.

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Mr. Bytnar said the Redevelopment Commission requested 100 properties from the Lake County Commissioner's and

received 98 properties. Staff will be reaching out to attorneys for their availability to complete the Lake County Commissioner's deeds so that the Redevelopment Commission can gain title of them to hold, use, sell, exchange, lease, and rent or otherwise dispose of the property to be able to put them back on the tax roll.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Rogge moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Reaves adjourned the meeting at 4:14 P. M.

By: _____
Eric E. Reaves, President

By: _____
George A. Rogge, Secretary