

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MAY 20, 2020**

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, May 20, 2020.

PRESENT:

**Eric E. Reaves, President
George A. Rogge, Vice-President
Adam Hall, Secretary
Jeremiah King, Member
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Member
Glenn I. Johnson, Representative of School Board**

ALSO PRESENT:

**AJ Bytnar, Director
Carrol Pirtle, Deputy Director
Gilbert King, Jr., Esq., Commission Attorney
Jeraldine Williams, Staff**

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Hall at 4:05 P. M.

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

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD of Executive Session, held May 20, 2020: Commissioner Jones 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 Rogge seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

CLAIMS LIST of May 20, 2020. (Previously approved by the Director): Mr. Bytnar said there are no changes to the Claims List. In the 101-General Fund the subtotal remained the same and the claims to be paid are in the total amount of \$38,336.15. In the 474-Non-Reverting Fund the subtotal remained the same and the claims to be paid are in the total amount of \$2,195,122.51. In the 229-Unsafe Building Fund the subtotal remained the same and the claims to be paid are in the total amount of \$9,561.16. And in the 518-Demolition Fund the subtotal remained the same and the claims to be paid are in the total amount of \$62,348.38. Therefore, staff recommended to approve the Claims List in the grand total amount of \$2,305,368.20. Commissioner King moved for approval. Commissioner Rogge seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 7030, a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a contract with Dynamo Metrics to provide data analysis and decision support for comprehensive planning. (Deferred May 6, 2020): Mr. Bytnar said this item came before the Board on May 6, 2020 for review. Dynamo Metrics will provide data analyses with a software system and decision support for comprehensive planning. Also, they will work with City Departments gathering information and also the Gary Sanitation District. Mr. Nigel Griswold and Mr. Matthew Johnson of Dynamo Metrics gave an overview of their services. Mr. Bytnar said the resolution is conditioned upon the contract be modified to reflect that Indiana Law applies whether than Michigan Law. The

contract expires on May 20, 2023 and it is in a not to exceed amount of \$61,500.00. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner King seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7039, resolution authorizing the transfer and award of real property from the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission to private homeowners for the City of Gary's Side Lot Program. Property Addresses: 1745-47 Mount Street, 1749-51 Mount Street, 2546 E. 22nd Place, 5061 Broadway, 861 E. 36th Avenue, 867 E. 36th Avenue, and 2212-14 Arthur Street all located in the City of Gary, Indiana: Mr. Bytnar deferred to Ms. Carrol Pirtle, Deputy Director. Ms. Pirtle said the properties are part of the City of Gary's Side Lot Program. Ms. Pirtle recommended to transfer and award the properties to the private homeowners so that the properties can be put back on the Lake County tax roll. Commissioner Rogge moved for approval. Commissioner King seconded.

The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7040, a resolution authorizing the execution of a professional service contract with Inga D. Lewis-Shannon, Esq. to provide legal services relative to tax sale properties: Mr. Bytnar said Inga D. Lewis-Shannon, Esq. provided legal services relative to tax sale properties. Due to the COVID-19 virus staff was unable to send out the tax

certificates; and in order to meet the deadline, Atty. Lewis-Shannon sent them out and she will send out the next two mail outs. The contract will expire on December 31, 2020 and it is in a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner King seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7041, a resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the extension of Phase II of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Broadway Home Project with MVAH Holding LLC: Mr. Bytnar requested to defer this item. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

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

REPORT from AJ Bytnar, Executive Director regarding the Gary Housing Authority - Ivanhoe Garden Property: Mr. Bytnar said the property is located at 3100 W. 11th Avenue and it is 27 acres. The property will be used for light industrial businesses.

REPORT from Commission Attorney Gilbert King, Jr. regarding Gary Public Transportation Property: Atty. King, Jr. had no report.

COMMISSIONERS' Comments: There were no comments.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S Comments: There was no comment.

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: There was no item.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Rogge moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner King seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Reaves adjourned the meeting at 4:41 P. M.

**By: _____
Eric E. Reaves, President**

**By: _____
Adam Hall, Secretary**