

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 17, 2021.

PRESENT:

**George A. Rogge, President
Adam Hall, Vice-President
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary
Jeremiah King, Member
Sharon Chambers, Member
Glenn I. Johnson, Representative of School Corp.**

ALSO PRESENT:

**AJ Bytnar, Director
Carrol Pirtle, Deputy Director
Rodney Pol, Esq., Commission Attorney
Jeraldine Williams, Staff
Deb Backhus, Staff
Sheleita Miller, Gatekeeper Accounting
Jothan Sandheimer
Mitch Day
Adam Zheng**

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:07 P. M.

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

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA for November 17, 2021: Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers second. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD of Executive Session, held Wednesday, November 17, 2021: Commissioner Rogge 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.

Commissioner King arrived via zoom at this point in the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE and APPROVAL of Minutes of Regular Meeting held on September 22, 2021. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

RECEIVE and OPEN PROPOSALS (RFP) for the property located at 2800-18 W. 5th Avenue (a former Fire Station), Gary, Indiana for commercial and office use for purchase, lease, or alternative means of conveyance: Mr. Bytnar asked Ms. Pirtle if there were any bids submitted. Ms. Pirtle said one bid was received.

Commissioner Hall moved for approval to close receiving of bids. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hall moved for approval to open the one bid. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Ms. Pirtle opened and read the bid aloud. Ms. Pirtle said the one bid was submitted from Katy Matthews in the amount of \$30,000.00. Commissioner Hall moved for approval to refer the bid to staff and Atty. Pol, Jr. for review and to bring back their recommendation. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7234, a resolution of the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission ratifying and authorizing the Director to submit an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funding for the calendar year 2022: Ms. Pirtle said this grant is for demolition funds. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7235, a resolution of the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission authorizing the award and execution of a demolition agreement with JM Industrial Services for 6300 Miller Avenue, related to RFQ No. 2020-7: Mr. Bytnar said the contract with JM Industrial Services for 6300 Miller Avenue is in a not to exceed amount of \$68,000.00. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7236, a resolution of the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission authorizing the award and execution of a demolition agreement with Richardson Disposal for 1100 Massachusetts Street, related to RFQ No. 2021-12. Mr. Bytnar said the contract with Richardson Disposal for 1100 Massachusetts Street is in a not to exceed amount of \$161,232.00. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7237, a resolution of the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission allowing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to demolish certain properties within the City of Gary. (Property Addresses 1000 N. Clark Road and 1100 N. Clark Road, Gary, Indiana): Mr. Bytnar said the demolition of the structures will be at no cost to the City, it will be done by EPA in coordination with City staff. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bytnar asked the Board to amend the meeting schedule for the rest of the year and to move the December 1, 2021 meeting to December 8, 2021 and the December 15, 2021 meeting to December 22, 2021. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner King seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Discussion: Executive Director's Report: Mr. Bytnar said he had no report.

PUBLIC Comment(s) on agenda items only: There were no public comments.

COMMISSIONERS' Comments: There were no comments.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S Comments: Mr. Johnson said he had

no comments.

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Mr. Bytnar said he had no agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Rogge adjourned the meeting at 4:27 P. M.

**By: _____
George A. Rogge, President**

**By: _____
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary**