

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETING
GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Gary Redevelopment Commission met in an Annual and Regular Session in a virtual meeting in its offices at 504 Broadway, Suite 200, Gary, Indiana on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

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 Board**

ALSO PRESENT:

**AJ Bytnar, Director
Steven Jenkins, Esq., Commission Attorney
Jeraldine Williams, Staff
Deb Backhus, Staff
Sheleita Miller, Gatekeeper Accounting
Janie Marcinkowski**

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:06 P. M.

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

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA for January 5, 2022: Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

ELECTION of Commission Officers for the Year 2022 (President, Vice-President, and Secretary): Commissioner Rogge said he relinquished the meeting over to Atty. Jenkins as the administrator for the election of Commission Officers for the year 2022.

VACATE POSITIONS of Commission Officers (President, Vice-President, and Secretary): Atty. Jenkins ask for a motion to vacate Commission Officers positions. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Rogge seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

ELECT POSITIONS of Commission Officers for the Year 2022. (President, Vice-President, and Secretary): Atty. Jenkins said nominations were open for the year 2022. Atty. Jenkins asked for a motion for President: Commissioner Sims moved to elect Commissioner Rogge as President, and to close the nominations. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

**Ayes – Commissioner Sims
Commissioner Chambers
Commissioner Hall
Commissioner Rogge**

Abstains – Commissioner King

Nays - None

The motion was carried to elect Commissioner Rogge as President, and to close the nominations.

Atty. Jenkins asked for a motion for Vice-President: Commissioner King moved to elect Commissioner Hall as Vice-President, and to close the nominations.

Commissioner Rogge seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried to elect Commissioner Hall as Vice-President, and to close the nominations.

Atty. Jenkins asked for a motion for Secretary: Commissioner Hall moved to elect Commissioner Sims as Secretary, and to close the nominations.

Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried to elect Commissioner Sims as Secretary, and to close the nominations.

Atty. Jenkins said the Elected Officers for the year 2022 are as follows: George A. Rogge as President, Adam Hall as Vice-President, and Gwendolyn F. Sims as Secretary. Atty. Jenkins said he relinquished his position as administrator and he turned the meeting over to Commission President Rogge. Commissioner Rogge thanked Atty. Jenkins for his role as administrator for the election of Commission Officers for the year 2022.

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD of Executive Session, held January 5, 2022: 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". (Commissioners present for the Executive Session were Commissioner Rogge, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Sims, Commissioner King and Commissioner Chambers. Also, Mr. Johnson, Representative of School Board was present). Commissioner Hall 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 8, 2021: Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

CLAIMS LIST of January 5, 2022. (Previously approved by the Director): Mr. Bytnar said there are no changes to the Claims List as follows:

101- General Fund: \$26,188.17

229-Unsafe Building Fund: \$4,695.74

518- Demolition Fund: \$27,745.00

Mr. Bytnar recommended to approve the Claims List in the grand total amount of \$58,628.91. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

SPECIAL CLAIMS LIST of January 5, 2022. (Previously approved by the Director): Mr. Bytnar said there are no changes to the Special Claims List as follows:

823 Consolidated Area TIF: 46,554.21

826-Lakefront TIF: \$33,457.77

Mr. Bytnar recommended to approve the Special Claims List in the grand total amount of \$80,011.98. 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. 7248, a resolution of the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission authorizing a reduction in the notice required to extend the lease under the current baseball stadium agreement at the RailCats' Baseball Stadium to February 18, 2022: Mr. Bytnar recommended to approve the item in order to have more time to negotiate and finalize the lease. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bytnar had none.

Discussion: Executive Director's Report: Mr. Bytnar said he had no report. Mr. Bytnar reminded the Board that after today's meeting the Board will meet every

3rd Wednesday of each month and the times will stay the same with the Execution Sessions at 3:00 p. m. and the Regular Meetings at 4:00 p. m., unless otherwise notified.

PUBLIC Comment(s) on agenda items only: Ms. Janie Marcinkowski asked for Mr. Tony Glenn a question regarding 415-25 Lake Street. Atty. Jenkins said, he would contact her on the matter.

COMMISSIONERS' Comments: Commissioner Hall wished everyone a Happy New Year and to Stay Safe. Commissioner Sims wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated the elected officers for the year 2022 and she said that she looked forward to working with the Board this year. Commissioner King had no comment. Commissioner Chambers had no comment. Commissioner Rogge thanked everyone in their confidence in him as commission president and wished the best for everyone for 2022.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S Comments: Mr. Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year. Also, he said school had started, but had to be closed due to COVID-19 raise so the children are doing virtual learning until the numbers go down. He encouraged everyone to get tested, vaccinated and boosted so that the children can have in person learning. He congratulated the commission officers that were elected for the year 2022.

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Mr. Bytnar said he had none.

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

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hall adjourned the meeting at 4:24 P. M.

By: _____
George A. Rogge, President

By: _____
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary