

**GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Gary Redevelopment Commission met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 in its offices at 504 Broadway, Suite 200, Gary, Indiana.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Sharon Chambers, Member
Glenn I. Johnson, Representative of School Board

ALSO PRESENT:

Carrol Pirtle, Deputy Director
Jeraldine Williams, Staff
Janie Macinkowski
Armond Boulware, Steel City Builders
Susan M. Rutsen
Sheleita Miller, Gatekeeper Accounting

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:00 P. M.

CALL to Order: Commissioner Rogge, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Sims, and Commissioner King were present. Commissioner Chambers, and Mr. Johnson, Representative of School Board were absent.

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA for October 26, 2022: Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

CERTIFICATION of RECORD of Executive Session held on October 26, 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". Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

RECEIVE and OPEN BIDS for the property located at 601 Pottowattomi Trail for the Commission to hold, use, exchange, lease, rent or otherwise dispose of the property all located in the City of Gary: Ms. Pirtle said on September 30th and October 14th, 2022, The Commission published a Notice to Bidders for Request for Bidders in the newspaper of general circulation in Lake County Indiana for the aforesaid mentioned property located in the City of Gary. Staff requested that the Board receive and open the bid(s) for the mentioned property. Commissioner Hall moved to close the receiving of bids. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Ms. Pirtle said one bid was received. Commissioner Hall moved to open the one bid received. Commissioner King seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Ms. Pirtle opened and read aloud the one bid that was received from Hidden Beach Design Build Group LLC Dune Land Development located at 7425 Oak Avenue, Gary, Indiana. The bid was submitted in the amount of \$1.00. Commissioner Hall moved to refer the bid to Staff and the Commission Attorney for review. 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. 7337, a resolution ratifying and approving a professional services contract for Wendy L. Vachet to serve as the Executive Director for the Gary Redevelopment Commission: Ms. Pirtle said Staff is requesting to ratify and approve a professional services contract with Wendy L. Vachet to serve as the Executive Director for the Gary Redevelopment Commission. The City of Gary of Redevelopment Commission is in need of a new Executive Director to replace the prior director, AJ Bytnar. Ms. Vachet has the necessary experience to perform that role and has expressed a willingness to perform those services on behalf of the Commission. The contract is from October 1, 2022 and expires on December 31, 2022. The contract is in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 with the understanding that Ms. Vachet will be hired on as a full employee starting in 2023. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Ms. Vachet assumed her role as Executive Director and thanked the Board for their vote of confidence.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Vachet said there be new business in the forthcoming future.

Discussion: Ms. Vachet said there was no report.

PUBLIC Comment(s) on agenda items only: There was none.

COMMISSIONERS' Comments: Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Chambers, Commissioner King, and Commissioner Rogge welcomed Ms. Vachet, as Executive Director.

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

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Ms. Vachet said there was none.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Hall moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Rogge adjourned the meeting at 4:10 P. M.

By: _____
George A. Rogge, President

By: _____
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary