

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2022**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Gary Redevelopment Commission met in a Special Session in a virtual meeting in its offices at 504 Broadway, Suite 200, Gary, Indiana on Wednesday, February 9, 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 Corp.**

ALSO PRESENT:

**AJ Bytnar, Director
Carrol Pirtle, Deputy Director
Steven D. Jenkins, Esq., Commission Attorney
Angela Lockett, Esq., Corp., City of Gary
Jeraldine Williams, Staff
Deb Backhus, Staff
Jonathan Sundheimer, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP,
Jacquelyn Harris of The 411
Molly DeVore
Joseph Collins, Social Entrepreneur King
Janie Marcinkowski**

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:02 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 February 9, 2022: Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims second. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

CERTIFICATION OF RECORD of Executive Session, held February 9, 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.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7260, a resolution authorizing approving the final settlement agreement between the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission and Akyumen Industries: Mr. Bytnar asked Mr. Jonathan Sundheimer of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP to give details of the resolution and the settlement agreement. Mr. Sundheimer said they have been negotiating for seven months a resolution with respect to Akyumen Industries Corp., and that they have reached a tentative resolution and settlement agreement following the mediation that occurred in December, 2021. The Gary Redevelopment Commission

has agreed to pay Akyumen Industries Corp., \$35,000.00, in exchange Akyumen Industries, Corp. will transfer the properties commonly known as the Genesis Center and the Ivanhoe Gardens back to the Gary Redevelopment Commission. Both parties have agreed to terms, but nothing has been formerly finalized or executed yet. Today, we are requesting the Board's approval to approve the settlement agreement with Akyumen Industries Corp. There is a public statement that is attached to the settle agreement that both parties will be willing and able to disclose following the payment of the \$35,000.00 and transfer of the title of the two properties back to the Redevelopment Commission, along with the dismissal of the litigation. The statement currently reads "In December 2020, The City of Gary Redevelopment Commission entered into contracts with Akyumen Industries Corporation, resulting in the transfer of two properties to Akyumen Industries Corporation: (i) the Genesis Center, located at 401 Adams Street, Gary, Indiana 46402; and (ii) the Ivanhoe Gardens property, located at 3100-34 W. 11th Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46404. The Redevelopment Commission hoped that these transfers would result in the successful redevelopment of these two properties, unfortunately this did not happen through no fault of either party, it was simply a business deal that did not work out for either side. The parties have now resolved all issues among them, resulting in, among other things, the transfer of the two properties back to the Redevelopment Commission and the payment of \$35,000.00 to Akyumen Industries Corporation." Mr. Sundheimer that is the public statement that has been tentatively agreed to between the parties that has not been finalized

with signatures on the settlement agreement. Commissioner Hall moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Bytnar said he had none.

Discussion: Executive Director’s Report: Mr. Bytnar said he had none.

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

COMMISSIONERS’ Comments: The Commissioners said they had none.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE’S Comments: Mr. Johnson said he had none.

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Mr. Bytnar said he is working on some items.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Sims 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 4:12 P. M.

By: _____
George A. Rogge, President

By: _____
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary