

**GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2023**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Gary Redevelopment Commission met in a Special Meeting in its offices at 504 Broadway, Suite 200, Gary, Indiana on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.

PRESENT:

George A. Rogge, President
Adam Hall, Vice-President
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary
Sharon Chambers, Member

ABSENT:

Jeremiah King, Member
Glenn I. Johnson, Representative of School Board Corp.

ALSO PRESENT:

Wendy Vachet, Executive Director
Carrol Pirtle, Deputy Director
Steven D. Jenkins, Esq., Commission Attorney
Jeraldine Williams, Staff
Sheleita Miller, Gatekeeper Accounting Services
Rufus Purnell

THE SPECIAL MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:17 P. M.

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

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA for March 1, 2023: 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 on March 1, 2023:

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 Sims moved for approval of the Certificate of Record of the Executive Session. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7368, a resolution of the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission authorizing the execution of a Memorandum Of Understanding by and between the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission and the Lake County Board of Commissioners as it relates to appropriations for the performance of demolition services on several properties located within the City of Gary, Indiana: Ms. Vachet said the City of Gary Redevelopment Commission (GRC) previously executed Resolution No. 7322 which authorized the GRC and Lake County Board of Commissioners (LCBC) to enter into a certain Memorandum of Understanding to provide certain professional services to the LCBC to assist and aid in the demolishing of various properties located throughout the City of Gary. The two parties now wish to increase the total amount of support given by the LCBC to the GRC for demolition of the structures within the City from \$300,000 to \$736,147.

The Gary Redevelopment Commission possesses the requisite professional staff necessary to prepare the legally required documents including but not limited to Request for

Proposals (RFP), selection of the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder, preparation of an appropriate demolition contract, monitoring the performance of the contractor, and the inspection of the property for asbestos and other hazardous materials, and the completion of the necessary notices to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and the proper disposal of demolition debris. The Redevelopment Commission is equipped to perform and/or supervise the above described functions on the Property. The demolition of the structures will have a direct benefit to the citizens of Gary and Lake County Indiana.

The Staff has determined that entering into this Memorandum of Understanding is in the best interest of the Commission and to the Citizens of Gary. Commissioner Sims moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

DISCUSSION: Executive Director’s Report: Ms. Vachet said the demolition of structures will be beneficial to the community.

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

COMMISSIONERS’ Comments: There were none.

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

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

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 4:26 P. M.

By: _____
George A. Rogge, President

By: _____
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary