

**GARY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 27, 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, December 27, 2023.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Akilia McCain, Representative of School Board Corp.

ALSO PRESENT:

Christopher Harris, Executive Director
Steven D. Jenkins, Esq., Commission Attorney
Jeraldine Williams, Executive Administrative Assistant
Tony Glenn

THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Rogge at 4:08 P. M.

ROLL CALL: Commissioner Rogge, Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Sims, Commissioner Chambers, and Commissioner Clemons, Sr. were present. Mrs. McCain, Representative of School Board was absent.

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA for December 27, 2023: Commissioner Sims moved for approval. Commissioner Chambers seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

CERTIFICATION of RECORD of Executive Session held on December 27, 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.

PUBLIC Comment(s) on agenda items only:

There was none.

REQUEST for APPROVAL of RESOLUTION NO. 7442, a resolution ratifying the award and execution of a professional services contract with Vavrek Architects, Inc. (Deferred December 20, 2023):

Mr. Harris said Staff determined that Vavrek Architects, Inc. is the best contractor to provide architectural services to the Gary Redevelopment Commission for a project at the RailCats Stadium. Staff recommended that the President and Secretary hereby authorize the Executive Director and Commission Attorney to enter final negotiations for and execution of a professional services contract with Vavrek Architects, Inc. in a contract amount not to exceed \$94,900.00. Commissioner Chambers moved for approval. Commissioner Sims seconded. The vote showed:

Ayes – Commissioner Chambers
Commissioner Sims
Commissioner Rogge

Nays – Commissioner Hall
Commissioner Clemons

The motion was carried.

DISCUSSION: Director's Comment(s): Mr. Harris said he had none.

COMMISSIONERS' Comment(s): All the Commissioners wished everyone a happy and safe New Year.

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE'S Comment(s): Mrs. McCain was absent.

AGENDA Item(s) for next Board Meeting: Mr. Harris said that the Department of Redevelopment will hold a Town Meeting on January 30, 2024 at 504 Broadway, 1st floor, from 5:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.

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

Ayes – All

Nays – None

The motion was carried.

Commissioner Rogge adjourned the meeting at 4:29 P. M.

By: _____
George A. Rogge, President

By: _____
Gwendolyn F. Sims, Secretary