

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2022
4:00 PM
Town Hall

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Others Present:
Rob Keisling		Pete Olson
Steve Moore		Erin Hurley
Teresa Belt		Lon Fox
Jeff Tingler		Nanci Perry
Heather Taylor		
Ted Johnson		

President Rob Keisling called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Members present were: Teresa Belt, Heather Taylor, Steve Moore, Rob Keisling, Ted Johnson, and Jeff Tingler.

The minutes of the July 14, 2022 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Steve Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Heather Taylor. All members voted Aye except for Jeff Tingler who abstained.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-1

Town Manager Pete Olson presented Resolution 2022-1 authorizing and approving the purchase of real estate located at 9315 W. Canal Street. The Redevelopment Commission voted to purchase the property at last month's meeting. Our attorney recommended a resolution to memorialize the vote.

Heather Taylor moved to approve Resolution 2022-1. Teresa Belt seconded the motion.

Jeff Tingler stated that he had read the Indiana Code and questioned if the governing legislation body approval was required prior to the purchase. He also asked where the funds for the purchase would be coming from.

Pete Olson responded that the Town would have \$500,000 in ARPA funds available and was to receive an additional \$250,000 in REDI Grant funds from the State of Indiana.

Rob Keisling added that this resolution codifies the vote that was held last month.

The vote was held by roll call:

Jeff Tinger	no
Ted Johnson	non-voting member
Steve Moore	yes
Heather Taylor	yes
Teresa Belt	yes
Rob Keisling	yes

Resolution 2022-1 approved by a vote of 4-1.

Business/Façade Grant Proposal:

Pete Olson distributed copies of the updated Façade & Incubation Grant Program. The program has been expanded with ARPA funds. The desire is to help new businesses by reimbursing some of the costs of start-up equipment and furnishings by infusing cash after they open. Reimbursements for 50% up to \$15,000 in matching funds would be considered.

A discussion was held as to the timing of the reimbursements. These grants will only apply to the Downtown District. Any grants for façade improvement will still need to go through the Architectural Review Board.

Jeff Tinger moved to approve the Façade and Incubation Grant Program as presented with the following changes: businesses are eligible within 180 days of the first day of operation for a Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment grant, and disbursements will not be approved until the regularly scheduled Redevelopment Commission meeting following the opening of the business. Heather Taylor seconded the motion. All members voted Aye.

Heather Taylor and Steve Moore volunteered to form a subcommittee to further expand the grant parameters.

Public Comments:

Nanci Perry read the Indiana Code and asked what "prior" meant for property purchases. Pete Olson responded that he will contact the Town attorney for clarification of the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.

The next regular Redevelopment Commission meeting will be September 8, 2022 at 4:00 pm.



Secretary



President