

VALPARAISO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2020

The regular meeting of the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 2020. Rob Thorgren presided.

Members present were: Rob Thorgren, Evan Costas, George Douglas, Trish Sarkisian, Rick Urschel and Tim Bucher. Also present were City Attorney Patrick Lyp, Redevelopment Director, Brandon Dickinson, and Director Emeritus, Stu Summers. Members of the public were also present.

The meeting began with Wayne Welter thanking the Commission for their support of the Vale View Apartment Project.

ITEM #1-MINUTES:

Ms. Sarkisian reported copies of the June 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes were distributed to members for their review prior to the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, all seemed in order. Mr. Thorgren recommended their approval.

Motion: Ms. Sarkisian motioned to approve the June 11, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Urschel seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #2 -CLAIMS REGISTER AND FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Dickinson reported that the Commission was sent the July 16, 2020 Claims Register and June 2020 Financial Report prior to the meeting. He noted all is in order with the largest expenditure being the challenge grants. Mr. Dickinson recommended approval.

Motion: Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the July Claims Register, and the June Financial Report. Ms. Sarkisian seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #3-APPROVAL OF THE 2020 SCHOOL CHALLENGE GRANTS

Mr. Dickinson reported that approximately \$600,000 in Challenge Grants is budgeted for the East Porter County School Corp. and Valparaiso Community Schools and is split per capita/per student allotting \$171,163.00 for EPCSC and \$428,830.00 for VCS. Both school districts provided project needs for the entire amount available to them. Mr. Dickinson reported that everything looks appropriate to him. He recommended approval of the Challenge Grants for both school districts.

Motion: Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the school challenge grants for East Porter County School District and Valparaiso Community Schools. Mr. Urschel seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #4-CAMPBELL-LINCOLNWAY ROUNDABOUT FUNDING:

Mr. Dickinson reported that \$309,080.80 in federal funds has been secured from NIRPC for the Campbell-Lincolnway roundabout. The original amount obtained from NIRPC was \$77,200.20 but because other communities in NWI were not able to meet the local match, Mike Jabo, Director of Engineering, was able to secure an additional \$221,080.80 for the City of Valparaiso. By obtaining these additional funds, the City's 20% match amount increased \$55,300 for a total match amount of \$77,300.20, which Mr. Dickinson stated the RDC does have available. Mr. Dickinson stated that Mr. Jabo confirmed the roundabout is not contingent on the underpass. Mr. Dickinson recommended approval of the local match funding.

Motion: Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the local match funding for the Campbell-Lincolnway Roundabout. Mr. Urschel seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #5-PATHWAY CONNECTIONS.

Mr. Mike Jabo, Director of Engineering for the City of Valparaiso, was not able to attend this month's meeting. For that reason, this item was tabled until the August meeting.

ITEM #6-ANY OTHER ITEMS

None.

ITEM #7-PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ITEM #8-ADJOURNMENT:

Staff said they had no further items for the Commission's consideration. Mr. Costas motioned to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Urschel seconding. A voice vote was unanimously carried. The July 16, 2020 Redevelopment Commission meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Trish Sarkisian, Secretary