

VALPARAISO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission was called to order at 4:38 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021. President Rob Thorgren presided.

Members present were: Rob Thorgren, Evan Costas, George Douglas, Trish Sarkisian, Tim Bucher and Ethan Lowe. Also present were City Attorney Patrick Lyp, Redevelopment Director, Brandon Dickinson. Members of the public watched remotely.

ITEM #1-SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS:

Patrick Lyp swore in all members.

ITEM #2 -ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Douglas made motion for this calendar year that Robert Thorgren serve as President, Trish Sarkisian to serve as Vice President and Ethan Lowe to serve as Secretary. Mr. Costas seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #3- MINUTES:

Ms. Sarkisian reported copies of the December 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes were distributed to members for their review prior to the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, all seemed in order. Ms. Sarkisian recommended their approval.

Motion: Mr. Thorgren motioned to approve the December 10, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Douglas seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #4 CLAIMS REGISTER AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Dickinson reported that the Commission was sent the January 14, 2021 Claims Register and December 2020 Financial Report prior to the meeting. The first register reflects costs between our last meeting (December 10, 2020) and December 21, 2020. The second is the standard December claims register. Mr. Dickinson recommended approval.

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

ITEM #5-CONSULTANT RENEWALS FOR 2021

There are three consultant renewals for approval: Cender & Cender (Financial Analysts) for \$48,500; Thomas & Associates (Grant Administration) for \$30,000 and Barnes & Thornburg (Legal/Bond) for \$35,000. All three are consistent with the year to year costs for these. Mr.

Dickinson recommended renewal as all three were consistent with the year to year costs for these consultants and the Commission is pleased with the exemplary service from each.

Motion: Ms. Sarkisian motioned to approve the Consultant Renewals for 2021. Mr. Douglas seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

ITEM #6-PROPOSALS FOR EASTPORT PROPERTY

The Redevelopment Commission asked for proposals to redevelop land it owns at Eastport. One proposal was submitted. Mr. Dickinson recommended it be rejected and he will continue to negotiate a better agreement.

Motion: Mr. Douglas motioned to reject the proposal and move to negotiating privately. Mr. Costas seconded. A voice was unanimously carried.

ITEM #7-ANCO/JOURNEYMAN

No deadlines have changed except they are requesting that closing be moved to the end of March due to the rezoning timeline. The property will be in a PUD. Mr. Lyp and the City planner are working with Journeyman; Mr. Lyp respectfully asked for approval of the new closing date.

Motion: Mr. Douglas motioned to approve the 3rd Amendment. Ms. Sarkisian seconded. A voice was unanimously carried.

ITEM #8-PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM #9-ADJOURNMENT:

Staff said they had no further items for the Commission's consideration. Ms. Sarkisian motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Douglas seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried. The January 14, 2021 Redevelopment Commission meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Ethan Lowe, Secretary