

MINUTES

NEW ALBANY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the New Albany Redevelopment Commission was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 2:30 pm.

Commission Members Present: Terry Middleton, President
Bob Norwood, Vice President
Adam Dickey

Commission Members Absent: Daniel Guess Jr., Secretary
Jennie Collier

Staff Members Present: Claire Johnson, Director of Economic Development
Jessica Campbell, Public Facilities Project Manager
Shelby Carnforth, Grant Manager
Taryn Feeney, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Jeff Jaehnen, District Executive Director, YMCA of Greater Louisville
John Kraft, MAC Construction
Bob Stein, United Consulting

The President called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM. Roll was called. The President and Vice President were present. Adam Dickey was present via Zoom call. The Secretary and Jennie Collier were not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

The First item of Business was the **Approval of the Minutes** from the **August 8, 2023** meeting. Mr. Norwood motioned to approve the **August 8, 2023** minutes. Mr. Dickey seconded, and motion carried 3-0.

The President asked if there were any **Comments from the Public**. There were no comments from the public.

The Fourth item of Business was **Old Business**. There was no old business.

New Business:

The First item of New Business was the **Professional Design Services for the South Monon Freedom Trail**. The Director of Economic Development stated this is the professional services agreement with HWC for the northern section of the trail. She advised this includes Phase 1 of Due Diligence and Phase 2 Design and Engineering. The Director of Economic Development stated this is a total of \$42,500.00. She stated that the City has a grant through DNR and Next Level Trails in the amount of roughly \$1.7 million just for this section, in addition to the NLT grant for the urban section of trail. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the **Professional Design Services for the South Monon Freedom Trail**. Mr. Dickey seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The Second item of New Business was the **New Albany Feasibility Study**. The Director of Economic Development stated this is an agreement with the University of Louisville and their Department of Urban and Public Affairs to take a look at the City of New Albany and see if there is a site that would be a good

fit for an “Edutainment Venue” or Educational Attraction of some kind. She further stated as we continue to develop our downtown area, we should think about ways to attract visitors and increase tourism, which will be the focus of this study. The Director of Economic Development advised the cost of the study is a total of \$12,540.00 and the project report would be concluded mid-December according to their projected timeline. Mr. Dickey stated this is mainly to look at the opportunities available and what’s feasible for the City of New Albany. He inquired about whether there would be a later step to discuss how Redevelopment would move forward if a specific Edutainment Venue is found to be a viable option. The Director of Economic Development stated that this study will be an initial look at the market feasibility of what could be possible for the City of New Albany as a part of the Louisville MSA. Mr. Dickey responded that he believes this is a worthwhile venture, that it would be beneficial to have this information as our side of the river continues to grow in the Louisville MSA. Mr. Dickey made a motion to approve the **New Albany Feasibility Study in the amount of \$12,540.00**. Mr. Norwood seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The Third item of New Business was the **Green Street Sidewalk Retainage Release**. The Director of Economic Development advised the City Engineer and JTL visited the site and confirmed that the **Green Street Sidewalk Project** has been completed, and this is a request for the **Retainage Release** to Excel Excavating. Mr. Norwood confirmed the project is complete. Mr. Dickey stated the completed project looks good, and advised he spoke with Mrs. Collier, as the project is within her district, and she is also happy with the results. Mr. Dickey made a motion to approve the **Green Street Sidewalk Retainage Release in the amount of \$15,759.56**. Mr. Norwood seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The Third item of New Business was the **Claims Worksheet** dated 08/21/2023 in the amount of **\$205,201.71**. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the **Claims Worksheet** dated 08/21/2023 in the amount of **\$205,201.71**. Mr. Dickey seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

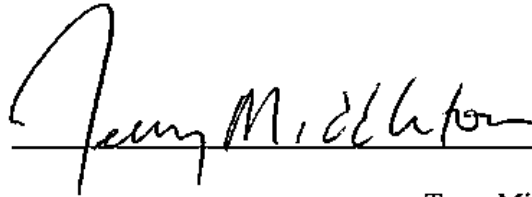
Other Business:

The Director of Economic Development stated Corporate Council is reviewing the **Grant Line Road Demo** quotes that were presented at the last meeting on August 8, 2023, and she asked the Commission to approve the lowest bidder, pursuant to legal review. She advised an update will be provided once Corporate Council completes a comprehensive review of the bid quotes. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the lowest bidder for the **Grant Line Road Demo**, pursuant to legal review. Mr. Dickey seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The President noted that there was no other business. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.

Prepared by Taryn Feeney, Administrative Assistant, Department of Redevelopment and Economic Development, City of New Albany, Indiana.

Approved and adopted the ___ day of ____, 2023.

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Terry Middleton, President

ATTEST:

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Daniel Guess Jr., Secretary