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NEW ALBANY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the New Albany Redevelopment Commission was held on Tuesday, November 14, 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: Larry Summers, City Engineer

Tonya Fischer, Manager Urban Enterprise Association

Bob Stein, United Consulting John Kraft, MAC Construction Linda Moeller, City Controller

Shane Gibson, Interim Redevelopment Director/Corporate Council

The President called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM. Roll was called. Terry Middleton, Bob Norwood, and Adam Dickey were present. Daniel Guess Jr. and Jennie Collier were not in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

The First item of Business was the **Approval of the Minutes** from the **October 24, 2023** meeting. Mr. Dickey motioned to approve the **October 24, 2023** minutes. Mr. Norwood seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

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

The Second item of Business was Old Business. There was no old business.

New Business:

The First item of New Business was the River Rec Phase II Project Amendment. The City Engineer advised that the City installed a hose bib at the top of the boat ramp so that after a flood event, Flood Control will be able to spray down the boat ramp, and they extended the water line beyond the current entrance so that the asphalt will not have to be torn up when working on future phases at this site. Mr. Norwood motioned to approve the River Rec Phase II Project Amendment in the amount of \$16,323.00. Mr. Dickey seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The Second item of New Business was the **United Consulting Professional Services Agreement**. The City Engineer advised this is a professional service agreement with United Consulting to look at the

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configuration of and modernize the signal at the intersection of Charlestown Road and Slate Run Road. He stated he is asking for the board's approval of this agreement so we can move forward on the planning and design for this project. Mr. Dickey inquired if the signal would also have the audible crossing. The City Engineer confirmed, stating the Board of Works has adopted the PROWAG for the City of New Albany, so anytime we do an upgrade on an existing signal system we do an update to the audible pedestrian signals. Mr. Dickey stated ensuring safe crossings that have those features is always a plus, and this agreement is in line with our commitment to public safety. Mr. Dickey made a motion to approve the United Consulting Professional Services Agreement not to exceed \$58,200.00. Mr. Norwood seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The Third item of New Business was the Claims Worksheet dated 11/06/2023 in the amount of \$147,865.46. Mr. Norwood made a motion to approve the Claims Worksheet dated 11/06/2023 in the amount of \$147,865.46. Mr. Dickey seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Other Business:

The Interim Redevelopment Director stated CDBG funds are allocated to the Redevelopment Commission annually and an Action Plan is adopted to expound on what those funds will be used for. He advised we are asking for board approval to potentially conduct a Public Hearing for a possible amendment to the CDBG FY23 Action Plan to move for the purchase and acquisition of property within the CDBG area to be utilized as part of the GROWTH initiative. The Interim Redevelopment Director further stated we are still analyzing the best route for this, but in order to keep the process moving he wanted to bring it to the board's attention today. He added the analysis should be completed by next week, and if the board approves, then we can move forward with a Public Hearing at the next meeting on 11/28/23. He explained the analysis will help us to determine the proper use for these funds and ensure we are following CDBG rules and TIF allocation rules. Mr. Dickey made a motion to approve a Public Hearing for the development of the CDBG FY23 Action Plan Amendment and to authorize staff to take appropriate action as needed to facilitate this process. Mr. Norwood seconded, and the motion carried 3-0.

The Director of Economic Development stated that she and the City Engineer were at the KIPDA board meeting in Shelbyville today, and the City of New Albany received the 2023 Kentucky Indiana Transportation Excellence Award for the Main Street Revitalization Project. She added that it's greatly appreciated that the City of New Albany and the Redevelopment Commission have been recognized on a regional level. The City Engineer also stated that the City is the first local public agency that is a two-time award winner, and the City was previously awarded the KITE award for the East Spring Street and Silver Street roadwork, and the conversion of the downtown grid system from one-way to two-way streets. The Interim Redevelopment Director added that despite some of the concerns and criticisms while the project was ongoing, it has resulted in one of the best sections of roadway in the state of Indiana. He also stated it is very affirming for an outside party to take a look at the project and recognize the impact it's had on our community. He stated that he understands that when we undertake any major project, it can cause difficulties for residents and business owners, but that the Main Street Revitalization Project is a good example of one that was done extremely efficiently, as the original plans estimated almost two years, but this was able to be completed in about 9-10 months.

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The President noted that there was no other business. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.

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Approved and adopted the ____ day of _____, 2023.

Terry Middleton, President

ATTEST:

Daniel Guess Ir., Secretary