

**Memorandum of the Meeting
Regular Study Session/Meeting
Twenty-Eighth Town Council of Highland
Monday, July 18, 2016**

The regular study session of the Twenty-Eighth Town Council of the Town of Highland was convened at the regular place, the Highland Municipal, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana, in the plenary meeting chambers on **Monday, July 18, 2016** at the time of 7:02 o'clock p.m.

Silent Roll Call: Councilors Mark Herak, Steve Wagner, and Konnie Kuiper were present. Councilor Bernie Zemen and Councilor Dan Vassar were absent. A quorum was attained. The Clerk-Treasurer Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings.

Also present: Randy Bowman, Assistant Inspector for Electric; Sue Murovic, Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals; Ed Dabrowski, IT Consultant (contract); Greg Kuzmar of the Redevelopment Commission; and Mike Maloney of the Town Theatre Board of Directors, were present.

General Substance of Matters Discussed

1. **Discuss the sufficiency of lawn or grass maintenance at certain locations in Town including the gateway site for the Town on North Indianapolis Boulevard and 81st Street, Kennedy and Main Street, and landscaping of the public ways generally.** The Town Council discussed the sufficiency of landscaping of the public ways generally along with the specific locations indicated. The discussion included the merits of installing hanging plants to be suspended from the posts in the Highland Downtown.

The discussion led to instructing the proper department head to seek estimates for the cost of hanging plants for the downtown and irrigation for gateway sign site at North Indianapolis Boulevard and 81st Street.

2. **Discuss the Introduced Ordinance No. 1627: An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 14.10 of the Highland Municipal Code Regarding the Redevelopment Department, All Pursuant To I.C. 36-1-5 and I.C. 36-7-14 Et Seq.** *(Introduced by Councilor Vassar at the Town Council meeting of Monday, June 27, 2016. There was no further action.)* The Town Council discussed the introduced ordinance and its particular provisions that would enable electronic meetings of the redevelopment commission. The discussion include a consideration of the readiness of the commission for this new provision. It was noted that the input from the Councilors absent would be necessary.
3. **Discuss the prospective location(s) for a proposed new Town Hall.** It was noted that there was no new information to consider to advance the deliberation regarding the location of a proposed new town hall. With leave from the Town Council, an informal colloquy between and among the councilors and residents present occurred.

Carol Kerr, 2185 Timberidge Lane, Highland, inquired why the current town hall workers and staff could not relocate to the Police Department's Building, next door.

Tom Black, 3515 Garfield Avenue, Highland, whether another architect to seek another plan or the issue associated with concerns regarding parking at the downtown site had been resolved.

The discussion included a consideration of whether the Town Council should reconsider retrofit and refurbishment of the current site.

There being no further business necessary or desired to be discussed by the Town Council, the regular study session of the Town Council of **Monday, July 18, 2016**, was adjourned at 7:48 o'clock p.m.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer