

**Topics Tentatively Scheduled for Study Session Discussion
and
Topics Requested for Action at Future Business Meetings of the
Twenty-Ninth Town Council of Highland**

This meeting will be convened as a Hybrid in person and electronic meeting.

Topic: Town of Highland, IN - Town Council Study Session

Time: Jan 16, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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This meeting contributes to Agenda building for the plenary meeting. Please, also be aware of the running enrolled list of matters that are likely for the plenary meeting, subject to review by the municipal executive. By practice and local ordinance, study sessions are distinguished from plenary (regular business) meetings of the Town Council "as they shall be conducted with less formality and with no votes or final actions of a dispositive nature unless provided otherwise by proper notice, pursuant to IC [5-14-1.5](#) et seq." (Confer HMC Section 2.05.130(3))

x. Discussion: Appointments.

• Statutory Boards and Commissions

Executive Appointments (May be made in meeting or at another time)

- 1. Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals:** (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: Currently held by Susan Murovic)*

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

- 2. Economic Development Commission.** (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Town Council. Term ends just before February 1st. *(Currently vacant)*
 - a.** Nomination by the Town Council. *(The council would pass a motion to nominate.)*
 - b.** Appointment by executive. *(If nominee is acceptable, the Town Council President may appoint.)*

Home Rule Boards and Commissions

- 3. Community Events Commission** *Multi-Year position:* (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council President. **Term: 4 years.**

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4. **Tree Board:** (3) appointments, to be made by the municipal executive, but requiring nomination from the Town Council. (*Positions currently held by James Colias, Ron Jackowski and Elizabeth Herrejon.*)
 - a. Nomination by the Town Council. (*The council would pass a motion to nominate.*)
 - b. Appointment by executive. (*If nominee is acceptable, the Town Council President may appoint.*)
 - **Tree Board Chairperson.** The Town Council President also appoints the Chairperson to be selected from the membership of the board. (See HMC Section 8.25.030 (C)) (*Currently held by James Colias.*)

Legislative Appointments

1. **Redevelopment Commission** (1) appointments to be made by Town Council. (*Note: currently held by Cyril Heurter*)

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

Home Rule Commissions

2. **Main Street Bureau Board:** (17) appointments to be made by the Town Council. Term: Two years ending 1 Jan 2023. *There are currently 9 of the 17 in place and serving. Currently serving are Elijah Aurand, Mary Ellis, Evi Lovin, Madison Kristina Owens, Liz Popovich, Renee Reinhart, Ben Reinhart, Alex Robertson, Renee Rosignol, Diane Barr Rounbus, James Rounbus, Sandra McKnight, Teri Yovkovich and Rhonda Bloch.*

3. **Community Events Commission** *Multi-year positions:* (1) appointment to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 4 years.** (*Note: Currently vacant*)

Single year positions: (8) appointments to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 1 year.** (*Note: Currently serving, Allencia L. Ballard, Stan M. Allen, Deborah Trevino, Sandra McKnight, Christopher Clarkson Gonzalez, Linda Carter, Elizabeth Alakel, and Jeffrey Pena*)

4. **Traffic Safety Commission:** (5) appointments, which must be comprised of 1 representative from the Fire Department, (1) representative from the Public Works

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Department (Agency), (1) member from the Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, and (2) members from the Police Department. Also note, HMC Chapter 10.45 provides that the Police Chief serves as Chief of the Commission regardless of being a member of the commission. (Currently serving, William Timmer, CFO, Fire Department Representative; Vacant* (owing to retirement) Public Works Department (Agency) representative; Steve Jurczak, Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners representative; Commander John Banasiak, Police Department representative; and Chief Peter T. Hojnicky, Police Department representative.)

x. **Discussion:** Revision of take-home presentation.

Please note the residency bonus does not begin until 2024 as the budget was already submitted.

x. **Discussion:** Thomas Brown of the Brown Insurance Agency, to discuss Workers Compensation and Dental Insurance Programs renewals. Additionally, seeking action to discontinue certain fidelity bonds which are unique to Highland because of the Highland Municipal Code.

x. **Discussion:** Update, from the December 5, 2022 Highland Town Council Study Session where Councilor Sheeman will work with the IT Director to review costs and proposed potential cost savings as they pertain to the web updates and Gazebo Express (i.e., potentially eliminating the hard copy and going to an on-line version or e-mailing). They would reach out to the reach out to the Town of Schererville to see who designed their Website and who maintains it.

X. **Discussion:** Council of Community Events Commission . Councilor Black asked that this be placed on the agenda.

X. **Discussion:** Redevelopment Property Tree clean up funds needed. 8200 Indianapolis 1 OF 7 PARCELS Redevelopment Director Maria Becerra asked that this be placed on the agenda.

• **Plenary Business Meeting of Monday January 23, 2023**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, January December 9, 2023.
- Resolution 2023-2 – Temporary Loans
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- Payroll Docket for the payday of January 13, 2023 in the amount: General: \$229,697.92; By Fund: \$273,750.27

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