

**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: Feb 6, 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.**
- 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 Natalie Stromberg.) The Clerk-Treasurer's office has received no correspondence from Natalie*

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Stromberg on her desire to serve.

- 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

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

Home Rule Commissions

1. **Main Street Bureau Board:** (17) appointments to be made by the Town Council. Term: Two years ending 1 Jan 2023. *There are currently 6 of the 17 in place and serving. Currently serving are Teri Yookovich, Rhonda Bloch, Alex Robertson, Renee Reinhart, Diane Barr- Rounbus, James Rounbus.*

3. **Community Events Commission** *Multi-year positions:* (4) 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, Jack Rowe)*

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

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John Banasiak, Police Department representative; and Chief Peter T. Hojnicky, Police Department representative.)

x. Discussion: Residency Bonus Pay for Officers residing in the Town of Highland.

Proposed wording: Effective January 1, 2024, a Highland Police Officer who is a resident of the Town of Highland will receive \$200.00 a month for each complete month that they are a resident of the Town of Highland or a maximum of \$2400.00 in a calendar year. In order to qualify for this stipend, the Officer needs to provide a copy of his/her Homestead Exemption or a copy of their current lease accompanied by a sworn statement of residency. Officers will be paid in one (1) lump sum, up to \$2400.00, in January of the following year. If an Officer moves out of the Town of Highland or leaves their employment with the Town of the Highland prior to the conclusion of the calendar year they will not be entitled to any residency stipend.

x. Discussion: An Order Authorizing and Approving An Extension of the Agreement between The Idea Factory and the Town of Highland to perform Professional Communications and Media Design and Development services for the Municipality for a Term of two Months, with an Option to Renew and Extend.

(direction from the Council as Resolution 2022-39 expires at the end of February)

X. Discussion: Council of Community Events Commission regarding the operation of the beer garden and the selection of the bands.

X. Discussion: Redevelopment Property, Maria Becerra is asking for \$200,000 in additional appropriations. \$100,000 to be used for providing a homeownership program for Police Officers and \$100,000 in façade improvements.

• **Plenary Business Meeting of Monday February 13, 2023**

- Minutes of the Meeting of Monday, January 23, 2023.
- Additional appropriations: Redevelopment Capital Fund and Municipal Cumulative Street Program
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- Payroll Docket for the payday of January 27, 2023

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