

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 an in person meeting.

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

Time: December 18, 2023 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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)

Regional Statutory Commissions or Boards

1. **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.)*

(1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive. *(Currently vacant)*

Home Rule Boards and Commissions

1. **Community Events Commission** *Multi-Year position:* (1) appointment to be made by the

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Town Council President. **Term: 4 years.**

Currently Serving: Jacqui Herrera, Sandy McKnight

2. **Municipal Plan Commission** (1) (vacancy) appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: Unexpired term of Hunter Balczo, Esq., (D), term ending 1st Monday January 2025) No more than two of any party. Current composition is 1 Republicans, 1 Democrats.*
3. **Municipal Plan Commission** (1) (vacancy) appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: Unexpired term of Mario Martini, (R), term ending 1st Monday January 2025) No more than two of any party. Current composition is 1 Republicans, 1 Democrats.*
4. **Redevelopment Commission:** (1) appointment to be made by Town Council President. *(Note: vacancy created by the resignation of Alex Robertson – term expires 1st Monday in 2024)*
5. **Economic Development Commission.** (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive. Term ends before February 1, 2025. *(Currently vacant)*

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 11 of the 17 in place and serving. Currently serving are Teri Yovkovich, Rhonda Bloch, Alex Robertson, Renee Reinhart, Diane Barr-Roumbus, James Roumbus, Sandy McKnight, Al Simmons, Ben Reinhart, Sandy Ray and Kathy Smailis..*
2. **Community Events Commission** *Multi-year positions.* (4) appointment to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 4 years.** *(Note: Currently vacant)*

Single year positions: (1) appointments to be made by the Town Council. **Term: 1 year.** *(Note: Currently serving, Jack Rowe, Carol Parker, Linda Carter, Rachael Carter, Maria Armagast, Michelle Coon and Erica Fizer Katsepas)*

3. **Economic Development Commission.** (1) Appointment to be made by the municipal executive,

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- b. Appointment by executive. *(If nominee is acceptable, the Town Council President may appoint.)*

4. **Redevelopment Commission:** (1) appointment to be made by Town Council. *(Note: vacancy created by the resignation of Bill Leep – term expires 1st Monday in 2024)*

x. **Discussion:** *Renewal of Casualty and Commercial Property Insurance.*

Presentation by Tom Brown

x. **Discussion:** *Review 2024 Salary Ordinance.*

*the annual compensation for the Office of the Town Council will increase equal to the percentage increase awarded to the Town Employees, each year a raise is given and is self-implementing without any specific vote by the Town Council, unless disapproved by the Legislative Body. When a different percentage increase is given to different Town Employees, the increase for the Office of the Town Council will be the lesser of the two increases

x. **Discussion:** *Cancellation of the January 1, 2024 standing study session owing to the holiday*

x. **Discussion:**

• Plenary Business Meeting of Monday January 8, 2024

- Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, December 27, 2023.
- Election of Officers
- Appointments
- Resolution 2024-01 fixing the official charges or fees for Information and Communication
- Resolution 2024-02 authorizing interfund loan or transfer
- Accounts Payable Docket
- Payroll Docket for the payday of December 15, 2023

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