

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010**

Members of the Highland Redevelopment Commission (“RC”, “Commission”) met on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 6:30 PM in the Upper Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Tom Crowel called the meeting to order. Minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners present included Michael Maloney, Tom Crowel, Greg Kuzmar, Dominic Noce and Bridget DeYoung. Also in attendance were Substitute School Board Commissioner Larry Vassar, Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

General Substance of the Discussion

1. **Agenda**
The Commission reviewed the agenda for the evening including the minutes and claims. Clarification of line items was provided by the Director
2. **Resolution 2010-07 to Approve a Proposal for a New Redevelopment Area Plan**
Commissioners reviewed the proposal and resolution.
3. **Circle Buick GMC Tax Abatement Request**
The Commission reviewed the tax abatement request from Circle Buick GMC.

The Discussion ended at 6:59 PM. for the public meeting.

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING
May 12, 2010**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("Commission", "RC") met in a Public Meeting on May 12, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Upstairs Conference Room within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. President Tom Crowel called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Present on roll call included Redevelopment Commissioners Greg Kuzmar, Tom Crowel, Michael Maloney, Dominic Noce, and Bridget DeYoung. Also in attendance were Attorney Carol Green-Fraley, Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken, and Substitute School Board Commissioner Larry Vassar. Taking minutes for the meeting was Director Petro.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS:

Commissioner Kuzmar made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion. **Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.**

SPECIAL ORDERS: None

COMMUNICATIONS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Maloney made a motion to approve Resolution #2010-07, A Resolution of the Highland Redevelopment Commission to Approve a Proposal to Provide Consulting and Professional Planning Services Related to the Preparation of a Redevelopment Plan for a Redevelopment Area within the Major Commercial Corridors of Highland, Indiana. Commissioner Kuzmar seconded the motion. During discussion, Commissioner Noce stated that the Redevelopment Commission met with the Plan Commission and that that body seemed to be in favor of our efforts to designate a new Redevelopment Area. **By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.**

President Crowel added the tax abatement request from Circle Buick GMC to the agenda. Commissioner Noce made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to the Town Council. Commissioner Maloney seconded the motion. **By unanimous voice vote, the motion passed.**

ACTION TO PAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

Commissioner Kuzmar made a motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented by the Director. Commissioner DeYoung seconded the motion. **By unanimous voice vote, the accounts payable vouchers were approved.**

BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Noce commended the Director for her efforts in bringing Circle Buick GMC to Highland.

The next public meeting will be held on June 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm. A study session will precede the public meeting at 6:30 pm and reconvene following the public meeting. The next full study session will be held on May 26, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Maloney made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Noce seconded the motion. **By a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.**

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION RECONVENED
May 12, 2010**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission (“Commission”, “RC”) reconvened at 7:05 PM in the Upstairs Conference Room of the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.

ROLL CALL: Present on silent roll call included Commissioners: Greg Kuzmar, Tom Crowel, Michael Maloney, Dominic Noce, and Bridget DeYoung. Also in attendance were Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro. Attorney Carol Green-Fraleay and Substitute Highland Board Commissioner Larry Vassar left after the first agenda item.

General Substance of the Study Session

Commissioners discussed the increase in the number of non-tax revenue producing establishments in the commercial areas of town. Director Petro mentioned that she is receiving more inquiries than in the past. Both the Attorney and the Director will research this issue.

Ms. Petro stated that she met with the representative of the Indiana Main Street program to discuss the possibility of Highland becoming a Main Street community. The Director and Ms. Shae Kmicikewycz toured the town and discussed the requirements. Ms. Kmicikewycz will send sample by-laws, mission statements and other information for the Redevelopment Commission to begin the process.

The Director informed the Commission about possible **business development efforts** in town.

Adjournment: The Study Session was adjourned by voice vote at 8:38 PM.