

COLUMBIA CITY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

January 10, 2012

The Columbia City Redevelopment Commission met in regular session with the following **members present:**

- Commissioner Carl Siler
- Commissioner Kevin Snell
- Commissioner Belinda Hawn
- Commissioner Patricia Hatcher

Those absent: Commissioner Ben Romine

Also in attendance were: Attorney Greg Hockemeyer, the Redevelopment Commission's attorney, Lori Shipman, representing the WCEDC, Ex-officio member Stan Meyers and Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.

The Commission needs to **re-organize for the year 2012**. Commissioner Hatcher suggested keeping last year's officers the same for 2012. As there was no remonstrance, Commissioner Siler is President, Commissioner Snell is Vice President and Commissioner Hawn is Secretary.

After reviewing the minutes of the **December 13, 2011 meeting**, Secretary Commissioner Hawn made a motion, which is seconded by Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **accept the minutes** as presented. On call of the vote, all voted aye. Commissioner Hatcher abstains as she is new on the Commission.

President Commissioner Siler presented **an invoice** the Clerk Treasurer received **from WJ Carey for improvements at 116 N. Chauncey Street**. President Siler informed the Commission he does not feel the invoice is detailed enough to consider. Attorney Hockemeyer thought the City obligated themselves to these improvements in 2011. After some discussion, it is the **consensus of the Commission to table the invoice until Secretary Commissioner Hawn contacts the vendor for a detailed invoice**.

Vice President Commissioner Snell would like "for the record" to make a motion, which is seconded by Secretary Commissioner Hawn, to **confirm the hiring of Myers Tison Hockemeyer & McNagny as the Columbia City Redevelopment Commission legal firm**. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

President Commissioner Siler informed the Commission that he has signed up for a Comprehensive Community Development class in Indianapolis put on by the IACED, and asks for reimbursement of the conference expenses which would be in the category of \$12-1400.00. As the deadline and enrollment came quickly, he made the decision to sign up without acknowledgement of reimbursement. On the motion of Secretary Commissioner Hawn, and second of Vice President Commissioner Snell, to **approve expenditures incurred by President Commissioner Siler for the attendance of the Comprehensive Community Development class in Indianapolis not to exceed \$1500.00**, all voted aye.

Lori Shipman, representing the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation, is present and requesting the Redevelopment Commission to re-visit their agreement with them. President Commissioner Siler would like the input of the new mayor, Ryan Daniel, before pursuing the agreement. Vice President Commissioner Snell stated he feels the WCEDC is doing more for the Redevelopment

Commission than ever before and favors the agreement. Since there are two new members on the Commission and new legal staff, President Commissioner Siler requests the agreement between Columbia City Redevelopment Commission and the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation be emailed to them for their review.

As all business was discussed, the Commission adjourned on the motion of Secretary Commission Hawn.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor.