

**ST. JOHN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
JANUARY 9, 2014 – SPECIAL MEETING  
10955 W. 93<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE, ST. JOHN, INDIANA**

**Mark Barenie, President  
Michael Forbes, Vice-President  
Larry Bustamante, Secretary  
Greg Volk  
Ken Gembala**

**Attorney David Austgen  
Sherry Sury, Clerk-Treasurer  
Steve Kil, Town Manager**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Barenie called to order the St. John Redevelopment Commission special meeting of January 9, 2014, at 7:33 p.m.

(The Pledge of Allegiance was said.)

**ROLL CALL:**

Ms. Sherry Sury, Clerk Treasurer, took roll call with the following members present: Mark Barenie, Michael Forbes, Larry Bustamante, Ken Gembala and Gregory Volk. Attorney David Austgen was present. Staff: Steve Kil. Citizen members Dr. John DeVries and James Sakelaris were also present. Recording Secretary, Susan E. Wright was also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 25, 2013**

Mr. Barenie noted the first item on the agenda for the Commission's consideration is the approval of the St. John Redevelopment minutes from the July 25, 2013, regular session. He asked if there were any questions on the minutes. There were no questions or comments on the minutes.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of July 25, 2013, provided by Recording Secretary Susan E. Wright. Mr. Bustamante seconded the motion. Ayes – all. Nays – none. The motion unanimously carried by voice vote (5/0).

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Mr. Barenie made a recommendation to defer the election of officers to a more convenient time. Mr. Kil explained that the Redevelopment Commission members were not appointed because another meeting was not planned for this month. Attorney Austgen remarked that the members could appoint themselves.

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(General discussion ensued.)

Attorney Austgen recommended that the Redevelopment Commission hold another meeting after the next Town Council meeting.

Mr. Forbes made a motion to defer the election of officers. “*So moved,*” by Mr. Bustamante. Ayes – all. Nays – none. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote (5/0).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE EDC AGREEMENT WITH  
WITH MEYERS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Mr. Barenie noted that consideration for approval of the EDC Agreement with Meyers Development Corporation was before the Commission. Mr. Barenie asked Mr. Kil for his comments.

Mr. Kil informed the Commission members that this matter was approved by the Town Council at their last meeting. He stated that existing TIF money is being used and the development is within TIF District. Mr. Kil stated that the EDC agreement with Meyers Development Corporation also requires Redevelopment Commission action. He explained it would be proper for the Redevelopment Commission to approve the agreement and authorize, President, Mr. Mark Barenie, to sign the agreement.

Attorney Austgen noted that substantial discussion was had at the last Town Council meeting related to the EDC Agreement with Meyers Development Corporation. He recommended that the Redevelopment Commission incorporate the portion of the Town Council minutes related to this EDC Agreement into their meeting minutes in order to substantiate the actions of the Redevelopment Commission.

Mr. Barenie asked for a motion. Mr. Forbes made a motion to approve the EDC Agreement with Meyers Development Corporation, and also to incorporate the meeting minutes from the St. John Town Council meeting related to the discussion on the EDC Agreement with Meyers Development Corporation into the meeting minutes of the Redevelopment Commission. “*So moved,*” by Mr. Bustamante. Mr. Volk seconded the motion. Ayes – all. Nays – none. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote (5/0).

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**B. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FOR CALDENDAR YEAR 2013.**

Mr. Barenie noted consideration for acceptance and approval of the Annual Report to the Executive and Comprehensive Report for calendar year 2013 was before the Commission.

Mr. Kil distributed the two reports to the Commission members.

(General discussion ensued.)

Mr. Kil directed the Commission members' attention to the Report to the Executive and the Comprehensive Report. He stated the two reports fundamentally contain the same information. Mr. Kil stated that the Town's Redevelopment Commission has retired their debt. He noted that the memorandum reflects approximately \$600,000 in the TIF fund and approximately \$51,000 left in the operating fund. Mr. Kil remarked that the Redevelopment District is fairly simple to report on at this point in time.

Mr. Barenie commented it was very good news to hear that the debt was retired and interest was being saved. Mr. Barenie asked for any comments or questions from the Commission members. Mr. Bustamante remarked "great." Mr. Volk had no comments.

Mr. Barenie stated he would entertain a motion to accept and approve the Annual Report to the Executive and Comprehensive Report for calendar year 2013. "So moved," by Mr. Forbes. Mr. Gembala seconded the motion. Ayes – all. Nays – none. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote (5/0).

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Barenie asked Attorney Austgen if he had any report.

Attorney Austgen had no report.

Mr. Kil had no further reports.

The Commission members had no reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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Mr. Barenie opened the floor to public comment. He asked if there was any public comment related to the St. John Redevelopment Commission. There was no public comment. Mr. Barenie closed the floor to public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Barenie stated he would entertain a motion adjourn. “*So moved,*” by Mr. Forbes. Mr. Bustamante seconded the motion. Ayes – all. Nays – none. The motion was unanimously carried by voice vote (5/0).

(The meeting was adjourned at 7:41m.)

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Susan E. Wright, Recording Secretary  
St. John Redevelopment Commission