

**VALPARAISO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 9, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Valparaiso Redevelopment Commission was called to order at 4:16 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2020 via Conference Call. Rob Thorgren presided.

Members present were: Rob Thorgren, Evan Costas, George Douglas, Trish Sarkisian, Rick Urschel and Tim Bucher. Also present were Attorney Patrick Lyp, Redevelopment Director, Brandon Dickinson, Assistant Director, Lauren Orchard and Paralegal Sam Camp. Members of the public were also present.

**ITEM #1-MINUTES:**

Mr. Thorgren reported copies of the March 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes were distributed to members for their review prior to the meeting. After reviewing the minutes, all seemed in order. Mr. Thorgren recommended their approval.

Motion: Mr. Urschel motioned to approve the March 12, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Douglas seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

**ITEM #2 -CLAIMS REGISTER AND FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Dickinson reported that the Commission was sent the April 9, 2020 Claims Register and March 2020 Financial Report prior to the meeting and recommended approval.

Motion: Ms. Sarkisian motioned to approve the April Claims Register, and the March financial report. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

**ITEM #3-REVIEW AND AWARD OF TOD PARKING LOT CONSTRUCTION BIDS:**

Mr. Dickinson reported that bids were received from GE Marshall, Indiana Land, and Walsh & Kelly for the construction of the TOD. Design Engineers of the project, American Structurepoint, and members of the Redevelopment Commission reviewed the bids and selected low bidder, Walsh & Kelly, whose bid was \$1.095 million.

Motion: Mr. Thorgren motioned to approve awarding the contract for construction of the TOD to Walsh & Kelly. Mr. Douglas seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

**ITEM #4-PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT:**

Mr. Dickinson reported that \$350,000 was budgeted for public safety equipment, however; due to rising costs and the market, the price increased to \$383,000. City and RDC staff reviewed this and have found the increase to be in-line.

Motion: Mr. Urschel motioned to approve the transfer of the additional needed money to the City's Civil Account within the next 30 days. Mr. Douglas seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

**ITEM #5-VALPONET INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT:**

Mr. Dickinson reported that ValpoNet servers are currently located in the Valpo Chamber building. The RDC plans to connect that infrastructure to City Hall and has been advised by consultants that the amount to relocate the infrastructure from the Chamber building to City Hall will be \$18,000. Mr. Dickinson is suggesting a budget of \$22,000 for this move. The move will be coordinated with City Hall and its IT department and should take place within the next 90 days.

Motion: Ms. Sarkisian motioned to approve a budget of \$22,000 for the move of ValpoNet infrastructure from the Valpo Chamber to City Hall. Mr. Douglas seconded. A voice vote was unanimously carried.

**ITEM #11-PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ITEM #12-ADJOURNMENT:**

Staff said they had no further items for the Commission's consideration. Mr. Urschel motioned to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Douglas seconding. A voice vote was unanimously carried. The April 9, 2020 Redevelopment Commission meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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Trish Sarkisian, Secretary