

**TOWN OF PORTER**  
**Redevelopment Commission**  
**303 Franklin Street**  
September 24, 2019

**Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** President William Lopez, Vice President Brian Finley, Greg Stinson, Erik Wagner, and Tara Duffie

**Also Present:** Attorney Gregg Sobkowski, Director of Development Mike Barry, and Secretary Karen Spanier.

**Approval of Minutes**

Erik Wagner made the motion to approve the June 25, 2019 meeting minutes, with Greg Stinson making the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Consideration of Claims**

Motion to approve the September claims as presented was made by Greg Stinson. Brian Finley made the second.

Motion carried 5-0.

**Audience Participation**

Jennifer Klug of 200 Franklin St. asked why the new Public Works Building has not been started yet with the million dollar proceeds from the 2015 Bond.

Mike Barry said that will be discussed under new business.

**Reports**

Director of Development, Mike Barry has nothing new to report.

Attorney Sobkowski had nothing to report.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**Global Engineering Task Order**

Mike Barry noted back in January the Commission approved a Task Order to have the surveying done for the Public Works property, this has now been completed.

This Task Order is for the Architectural and Site Design, and also includes Construction Inspections. The new Public Works building will be construction behind the existing building, which will then be used for Fire Department.

Barry stated Global Engineering designed the first LaPorte Public Works Building, which was built in 2016. He said that building with some minor modifications is what we are looking for.

Barry said with the modifications he proposed to the original design the price should come in lower than the estimate.

The fees on the Task Order are based on a Construction Budget of 1.7 million. Barry stated the Task order does not include a not to exceed amount, but can have Global amend the Order.

Stinson stated that unless the Redevelopment has other funds they are willing to tap into, the proceeds from the bond won't cover 1.7 million Construction cost, plus \$160,000.00 for Engineering fees.

He noted he did not want to delay this project any further, but feels a not to exceed amount or perhaps some adjustments the Task Order could be made.

Duffie asked how Global's cost compared to other Engineering Companies.

Barry said they were comparable and noted one of the quotes came from SEH for a cost of 3 million.

He stated he can reduce the square footage and have the Task Order amended to just include the design cost, and a not to exceed amount.

Wagner suggested tabling the matter until the next meeting.

Tara Duffie made the motion to table Task Order until the next meeting. Erik Wagner made the second. Motion carried. 5-0

#### **Commission Comments**

None


#### **Adjournment**


Greg Stinson made the motion to adjourn, with Brian Finley making the second.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

  
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William Lopez, President

  
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Brian Finley, Vice-President

  
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Erik Wagener, Member

  
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Greg Stinson, Member

  
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Tara Duffie, Member

Attest:   
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Karen Spanier, Secretary