



**ZIONSVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MEMORANDA  
FOR**

Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:15am  
Zionsville Town Hall-Community Room  
1100 West Oak Street

Members Present: Mark Plassman, President, Bob Goodman, Secretary. Also Present: Tim Haak, Mayor, Wayne DeLong, AICP, Director of Planning & Economic Development and Rich Starkey, Special Counsel to the EDC.

**A. Opening**

- a. Call meeting to order-President Mark Plassman called the meeting to order at 9:15am.

**B. Election of Officers**

The Commission discussed the position of President, and Mark Plassman was nominated.

Action Taken: the nomination was unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting

The Commission discussed the position of Vice President, and this position was left vacant by the membership present at the meeting.

The Commission discussed the position of Secretary, and Bob Goodman was nominated.

Action Taken: the nomination was unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting

**C. New Business**

- a. Metro Fibernet (Consideration of a Resolution, discussion regarding the project, and determinations related to the project). Mark Plassman introduced the matter and Wayne DeLong summarized the history of the project as well as discussed the project's commitment to accepting 100 percent responsibility for costs incurred related to the project (including accounting and legal fees involving the creation of the Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) as well as the creation of the license for the utility to occupy a portion of Creekside Corporate Park along the 106<sup>th</sup> Street frontage just east of the Duke Energy substation). Upon conclusion of discussing the background history, Mark Plassman opened the public hearing seeking public comment.

Ms. Leanne Herrera (Director of Governmental Affairs, Indiana, Charter Communications) spoke in opposition to the creation of the TIF and Charter's opposition to municipal funding of the project as it views the proposal as creating an uneven playing field.

Ms. Joni Hart (Executive Director, Indiana Cable Telecommunications Association) spoke in opposition to the creation of the TIF and indicated that the Indiana Cable Telecommunications Association discourages the Town from participating in the MetroNet deal as it views the proposal as creating an uneven playing field.

Discussions occurred related to the public comments, and Mayor Haak indicated that the offer to create a TIF for a utility provider is available for discussion with utility provider interested in pursuing an opportunity to serve the Zionsville community. Town Council Member Josh Garrett shared that the installation of fiber in a community serves to encourage further economic investment and diversification of the local economy. Bob Goodman asked for clarification as to any exclusivity associated with the deal associated with MetroNet's proposal to the Town and it was reiterated that the Town would be interested in discussing future opportunities with other utility providers. Additionally, Town Council Member Elizabeth Hopper emphasized that the Town has been discussing the MetroNet proposal for almost a year and the Town is not playing favorites with utility providers.

With no other public comment being offered, Mark Plassman closed the public hearing at 9:35am.

Upon closure of the public hearing, Rich Starkey offered information as to next steps related to the proposed Resolution (and associated Report).

Mark Plassman made a motion to approve the Resolution (and associated Report), as proposed.

Action Taken: the motion was unanimously approved by the members present at the meeting to approve the Resolution (Resolution 2017-01) and associated Report.

D. Other Business (no other business was discussed)

E. Adjournment (the meeting adjourned at 9:38am)