Town of Merrillville
Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2026, 6:00 pm
Merrillville Municipal Complex

Call to Order
Mr. Pettit called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Roll Call
Ms. Hardaway took roll call. The following members were present: Mr. Pettit, Ms. Uzelac, and Ms. Haynes-Edwards. Ms. Hardaway referred to Town attorney Mr. Svetanoff to ask whether Commissioner Haynes-Edwards, who was out in the hall, would be considered present. Mr. Svetanoff said at this time, since she is not present during roll call, but once she returns, we will put her on the record. The following members were absent: Ms. Chandler-Felton. There were 3 members present; there was a quorum.

Consent Agenda Accts. Payable Register Voucher Approval for September 22nd, 2026.
Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 25th, 2026. Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Hardaway; there was no discussion. The motion was carried with a vote of 3 yes and 0 no.

Old Business: None.

Mr. Pettit said, let the record show that at 6:06 pm that Commissioner Ms. Haynes-Edwards was present. There are now 4 members present.

New Business:

- Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between: The Indiana Department of Transportation and the Town of Merrillville/ Installation of Enhancements at State Road 55 and 73rd Avenue.

Mr. Griffin presented the proposed Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between INDOT and the Town of Merrillville for enhancements to the roundabout at State Road 55 and 73rd Avenue. The estimated cost of the enhancements is approximately $145,000, to be funded through tax increment financing. Town Council approval will also be required.

In response to a question regarding the construction timeline, Mr. Griffin stated that additional information would be needed.

Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Ms. Hardaway. The motion carried by roll call vote, 5-0.

Mr. Pettit announced that Commissioner Chandler-Felton arrived at 6:08 p.m. Ms. Chilcott reported that there was no further new business.

General Orders:

Resolution 26-07 (Discussion and Voice Vote)

Resolution of the Merrillville Redevelopment Commission approving a proposed tax abatement**. (Holladay Property Services Midwest Inc.)** Mr. O'Connor presented the proposed tax abatement for the Slater Building, a planned 64,000-square-foot, multi-tenant development in the Ameriplex area. The project represents an estimated $9 million investment and is expected to create 35 full-time jobs with an annual payroll of approximately $1.8 million. The proposed ten-year tax abatement would decrease over time until the property returns to full taxation.

Ms. Chilcott reported that the Economic Development Committee reviewed the proposal on August 6 and recommended approval. Ms. Haynes-Edwards expressed concerns regarding the financial impact of granting an additional tax abatement to a business with a previous abatement.

Ms. Uzelac made a motion to approve Resolution 26-07, seconded by Ms. Hardaway. Discussion followed. The motion carried by roll call vote, 4-1.

Adjournment: Ms. Uzelac motions to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Haynes-Edwards at 6:26 pm.

Adopted on: *October 27, 2026*