

## **PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**Resolution:** #110-10-3-23-1, Intent to Sell 701 East Wayne Street

**October 3, 2023**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
ROOM 035 –COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MEETING HELD AT 12:00 P.M.**

**SHAN GUNAWARDENA, CHAIR  
KUMAR MENON, MEMBER  
CHRIS GUERRERO, MEMBER  
MICHELLE FULK-VONDRAN, CLERK**

**Present:** Shan Gunawardena, Kumar Menon, Matthew Wirtz, Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Joe Giant, Pat Dooley, Lisa Ramos, Seth Weinglass, Patrick Zaharako, Austyn Smedberg, Ashley Faurote, Justin Eakright and Veronika Meyer.

**Shan Gunawardena:** Good afternoon we will call to order the public hearing for Resolution #110-10-3-23-1, Intent to Sell 701 East Wayne Street for September 12, 2023. My name is Shan Gunawardena, Chair of the Board of Public Works. To my right is member Kumar Menon. Member Chris Guerrero is absent today and to my left is, Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Clerk to the Board. Before we begin, I would like to ask that all attendees please sign-in for this hearing. Joe Giant will be presenting.

**Joe Giant:** Good afternoon Board, Joe Giant with the City of Fort Wayne Department of Redevelopment. The Resolution before you today is authorizing the sale of 701 East Wayne Street. This is a small residential lot, located at the corner of Wayne and Hanna Street just east of downtown. The property contains a vacant dilapidated boarded up single-family home. The property was acquired by the City in 2015 for a City Utilities project but was not needed. Redevelopment got involved because this sale will be part of an economic development project. Wayne-Vaughn Equipment located across the street needs to expand but they are landlocked in the current location. They are interested in acquiring this site as well as three adjacent parcels next to it which are owned by a different government entity. They want to combine all four parcels and construct a new warehouse and office space. State law allows the City to sell real estate directly to an interested party rather than going through the bidding process if: it is for an economic development project and it is, if there is a properly noticed public hearing, and if the sale price is not less than the average of two appraisals. Community Development procured two appraisals for this property and the average value was \$10,000.00 and that is the asking price. It is a standard purchase agreement, if approved today we will work with Chris Carmichael to finalize the details. If you have any questions, that completes my presentation.

**Shan Gunawardena:** Are there questions or comments about this hearing? Anyone?

**Shan Gunawardena:** Hearing no comments, I will now entertain a motion to approve resolution #110-10-3-23-1, Intent to Sell 701 East Wayne Street and close the public hearing.

**Kumar Menon:** So, moved.

**Shan Gunawardena:** Second.

**Shan Gunawardena:** All those in favor?

**Kumar Menon, Shan Gunawardena:** Aye.

**Shan Gunawardena:** The public hearing is hereby adjourned. Thank you very much.

**Meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shan Gunawardena, Chair

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kumar Menon, Member

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Guerrero, Member

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle Fulk-Vondran, Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_