

Minutes: Public Hearing

159th Street – River Oaks Drive Redevelopment Project Area

March 2, 2023

City Hall – 204 Pulaski Road

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following persons were in attendance:

*Kathleen Field Orr, Attorney at Kathleen Field Orr & Associates*

*Pete Iosue, Planner and Assistant Principal at Teska Associates, Inc.*

*Donald J. Aleksy, Director of Community and Economic Development at the City of Calumet City*

*Val Williams, Consultant for Special Projects/CED at the City of Calumet City*

*Richard Chambers, Assistant Director of Community and Economic Development at the City of Calumet City*

*Jesse Tate, Boots on the Ground Coordinator at the City of Calumet City*

*Mr and Mrs. Jerome S. Cap, Local Business Owners*

Attorney Orr explained how the City of Calumet City had to study the proposed redevelopment area and identify that it needs a way to help fund improvements, especially infrastructure improvements. The City worked with Teska Associates on an eligibility report and showed that the properties within the proposed boundary are eligible according to the Illinois criteria for Tax-Increment Financing. She then explained the notification process, which was carried out as required, and the method in which Tax-Increment Financing works to create a special fund of tax dollars.

Planner Iosue said that Illinois is very specific about what properties qualify for TIF and told how the eligibility in the proposed redevelopment area is included in the report. The use of TIF here will not affect the assessed value or the tax rate, he said.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.