



Southport Redevelopment

Commission

Unlimited Term

Mayoral Appointment

Rick Petrecca – President

Kris Payton - Commissioner

Russell McClure –
Commissioner

Council Appointment

Heather Newport –
Commissioner

OPEN – Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of Minutes:

- The commission approved the minutes from the June 8, 2026, meeting. Motion by Newport. Seconded by Payton. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Project Updates:

- Survey: The survey remains active, though no new responses have been received in the past month and a half. Results will be generated and distributed to the commission.
- Redevelopment Plan: Russell is working on the plan, specifically gathering property value data from the assessor's office.
- Banner Project:: The project has faced challenges with AES pole selection. Most poles feature "U bands" (cable housing), which prevent standard attachment methods. The commission is looking into alternative attachment options or potentially installing their own poles.
- Billboard Project: The lease has been signed, and a payment of \$950 for the first quarterly installment was approved. Motion by Newport. Seconded by Payton. Motion passed 3-0. A revised estimate for the billboard wrap was presented; the commission will sign the quote, and a certificate of insurance is required prior to installation.

3. Artist Selection:

- The commission reviewed submissions from 10 artists for the utility box painting project. After deliberation, Brooke McGee was selected. The commission will coordinate with the *Indie Arts Council* to finalize the design.

4. Infrastructure Projects:

- Art in the Right-of-Way: No updates; likely to be deferred to next year.
- Bike Racks & Benches: The commission is finalizing a letter for businesses and plans to hand-deliver them to proposed locations, including *Dairy Queen* and *Sophia's*.

5. New Business:

- TIF District Resolution: The commission approved Resolution 2026-1, which amends the declaratory resolution for the West End allocation area to include three specific parcels. This is necessary to address TIF revenue loss following the transition of a major parcel to school property. Motion by Newport. Seconded by Payton. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Closing Items:

- The commission discussed the need to prepare a spending plan by December 1st.
- Public comments included suggestions regarding vintage or solar-powered lighting alternatives for banner poles.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

