

Minutes of Perrysburg Finance and Economic Development Committee

Meeting Held May 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chairman Mark Weber.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members present were Mark Weber and Jonathan Smith. Committee Member Tim McCarthy arrived at 5:53 p.m. Also present were Tim Effler, Law Director, Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, and Khayla Trego, Deputy Finance Director.

APPROVAL OF 03/14/2023 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting were approved 2-0.

2022 TIRC REPORT - GLENN GRIDDALE

Glenn Grisdale, the City of Perrysburg's Economic Development Consultant, stated that the Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC) is required to meet before March 31st and give an update on the businesses that have incentives and if they are meeting their requirements. Mr. Grisdale stated that all companies generally met or exceeded their performance thresholds of property investment, job creation, and payroll. He added that all school donation agreements are current or have been invoiced and are expected to be paid.

Mr. Weber asked about locations of the CRA Zones.

Mr. Smith asked about the current state of the economy and looking into 2024. Mr. Grisdale stated that the increased cost of borrowing may slow some things down.

ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

Ms. Rathburn stated that this is a donation from Bon Secours Mercy Health for \$2,332.00 for bike helmets that will be distributed at Safety Town. Mr. Weber expressed his appreciation, and thanked everyone from Mercy Health. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION LEVY

Ms. Rathburn stated that the public transportation levy goes on the ballot every five years. She added that the amount is the same, estimated at \$539,000.00. Mr. Effler noted that legislation will be changed from an Ordinance to a Resolution. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

REFUSE LEVY

Ms. Rathburn stated that this is placed on the ballot every two years for refuse collection. The County is estimating it will bring in \$825,000.00. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

STREET TREE ASSESSMENT

Ms. Rathburn explained that this is a continuation and the total is \$70,000.00. She added that this is an assessment and will not be on the ballot. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT

Ms. Rathburn stated that this is a continuation and should bring in around \$210,000.00. She noted that this could change next year with the installation of LED lights throughout the City. Mr. McCarthy asked about the joint venture with Toledo Edison and who controls where lighting goes. Ms. Rathburn believes we can request specific locations, but Toledo Edison has the final say and that they own the light poles. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

SCULPTURE WALK

Robin Ballmer, Director of Main Art-ery, 35 Homestead Place Maumee Ohio, stated that the sculpture exhibit contract ends in August. She proposed taking the \$10,500.00 budgeted for Youth Summer Theater, which is not happening this summer, and using it to extend the Sculpture Walk for another year. Mr. Weber asked why the Youth Summer Theater program is not happening this year. Ms. Ballmer confirmed that the schools were not available this year, so it could not happen due to lack of space.

Ms. Rathburn questioned if an additional \$5,950 or \$6,950 in City funding would be needed. She added that there is a balance that could be appropriated. Mr. Smith added that it would be appropriate to have a conversation with the Visit Perrysburg board to see where they are with this and if they want to kick in any money. Mr. Weber noted that there is no money here for the promotion of the Sculpture Walk and mentioned that maybe Visit Perrysburg could help fund that part as well.

Mr. McCarthy asked if it is now appropriate to request to allow the \$10,500.00 for the Youth Summer Theater to be diverted to the Sculpture Walk. Mr. Smith would like to see where Visit Perrysburg is and see if they have a plan to replace it first. Ms. Ballmer stated that there is some planning to do. Mr. Smith stated that there have been conversations about having an Arts Council. Mr. McCarthy asked if the Arts Council was formally sanctioned by the City. Ms. Ballmer responded that the previous Arts Council was a 501(C)(3). Committee Members thanked Ms. Ballmer. There being no objections, this is being recommended 3-0 to City Council.

APPROVAL OF 'THEN AND NOW' PURCHASES

Ms. Rathburn stated that there are three 'then and now' purchases. She explained that

the departments did not have purchase orders issued to them before they made the purchases.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Expenditures>\$5,000

Mr. Weber asked about the payment to Schroeder Property Management. Ms. Rathburn explained it was a refund through Planning and Zoning. Mr. Weber asked about the duplicate January payment of hotel tax. Ms. Trego stated that the hotel paid the same amount for the same month twice and the City had to issue a refund. Mr. Smith is happy to see sanitary sewer grants on the list.

Health Insurance Fund

Ms. Rathburn stated that the balance of the fund is \$1.4 million. She added that as they get towards the end of the year, they will work with Savage & Associates to update rates for next year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber stated that they received the Income Tax Report. Ms. Rathburn added that April was very good.

Mr. Effler stated that he has been looking at different ideas for safety and sanitation services, in regards to events. He explained that the "A" hotel tax can be utilized for any purpose that the City sees fit. Mr. McCarthy asked why there is a proposed grant scholarship program for security and sanitation. Mr. Effler explained that the specific terminology can change, and that this would help cover the costs associated with those purposes. Ms. Trego estimated that as proposed, the CVB would receive an additional \$75,000.00. Mr. Weber added that maybe it could help with the Sculpture Walk or Arts Council. Ms. Rathburn explained that the City would invoice the sponsoring organizations for the Police and Service costs, but that Visit Perrysburg could provide funding to the organizations to assist with the costs. Mr. Smith requested this be on the agenda for the next Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Weber thanked Mr. Effler.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Weber, Chairperson
Finance & Economic Development Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.