

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

JUNE 17, 2013

Chairman Mike Olmstead called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present were Joe Lawless, Mike Olmstead, and Sara Weisenburger. Also present was City Administrator Bridgette Kabat.

### VAPOR BAR, LLC

Ms. Kabat called attention to a document given to Committee members from the Law Director regarding the transfer of a D5 liquor license from the City of Toledo to Perrysburg. She said the determination that this committee needs to make is whether this constitutes an economic development project. Mr. Lawless said that he is very glad that Mr. Beredo prepared the summary, and now he better understands why it is before this committee. However, he said he is struggling with calling this an economic development project. Mr. Olmstead said that the challenge is defining economic development, and he too is having a hard time seeing how this fits in as a larger part of our economic development scheme. He questioned if we define this as economic development, are we opening it up to other businesses. Mr. Lawless and Mr. Olmstead agreed that they have no issue with the business opening, and they hope it is successful. Ms. Weisenburger asked why we have to define economic development. Mr. Olmstead said that because more times than not, when we classify something as an economic development project, it allows access to taxpayer dollars. Ms. Kabat said that something to keep in mind is that if the transfer is approved, it creates an additional liquor license and if they decide to close the business, they can sell it to someone else. Mr. Lawless said that he liked the example in the document from Mr. Beredo of a bar opening in Put-in-Bay twenty years ago. That was the type of business that they were trying to get, but it is not what we're looking for as far as economic development.

The Committee agreed 3-0 to recommend that the liquor license transfer not be approved as they do not feel this constitutes an economic development project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

**The next meeting will be Monday, July 15, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Olmstead, Chairman  
Economic Development Committee