

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

AUGUST 22, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Matuszak. Committee members present were Jim Matuszak and Tim McCarthy. Also present were Finance Director Dave Creps and Tax Commissioner Steve Bronder.

JOBS GRANT REQUEST

Glenn Grisdale, Economic Development Consultant, presented a request from A Renewed Mind, a private non-profit corporation and provider of behavioral health services, for a jobs grant. The company currently leases space at 1090 W. S. Boundary Street with nine employees currently at that location. The company has additional offices in Toledo and other locations in Northwest Ohio and is looking to consolidate its operations. The company anticipates the consolidation would create/retain 33 full time employees with a combined annual payroll of \$2,513,000. Annual payroll of \$2.5 million would make the company eligible for an annual refund of \$12,500 each year for up to five years.

Matthew Rizzo, CEO of A Renewed Mind was also present. Mr. Rizzo said that they have been here three to four years and that they have had a nice relationship with the Perrysburg Municipal Court. He said that the company would like to consolidate by relocating its administrative employees to Perrysburg. Mr. McCarthy asked if they are looking to build new offices in Perrysburg. Mr. Rizzo said they are looking at buying an existing building here in town. Mr. Matuszak asked if the company's plans entail moving all of its employees from Toledo. Mr. Rizzo said that all administrative employees at the executive level would move, but there may be some direct care employees that would stay in Toledo. The Committee agreed 2-0 to recommend approval of the jobs grant request.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Committee reviewed expenses over \$5,000 for the month of July. Mr. McCarthy asked if the administrative fees for health care are a monthly charge. Mr. Creps said that it is monthly. He said they process a lot of claims and Matt Holzemer, an insurance consultant to the city, has said that NFP, the company that processes our claims, is one of the lowest priced. Mr. Matuszak asked questions about inspection fees, AECOM, fuel purchases, bond costs, and the stretcher purchase for the Fire Division, all of which were satisfactorily addressed by the administration.

Mr. Creps reported that the balance in the Health and Welfare Fund as of July 31, 2016 was \$462,758.32.

The Committee discussed a change in the fixed asset policy that has been suggested by the state auditors. The only changes pertained to the depreciable lives of various

categories of fixed assets. The change simply cleans up the language so that it reflects what the city is already doing.

TAX COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Bronder reported that income tax collections for July were \$1.1 million, which is a 19% decrease from the same month last year. He explained that this is a timing issue because of new due dates for quarterly estimates and a change in filing requirements for withholding taxes. Year-to-date collections for the first seven months of the year were \$7.1 million, which is up 7.1% from the same period last year. Mr. Matuszak asked if Mr. Bronder is still comfortable with the revenue we budgeted for the year and Mr. Bronder said that he is.

OTHER BUSINESS

Rick Ruffner asked about the status of legislation regarding food trucks. Mr. Matuszak said that he has discussed it with the law director but there is no legislation at this time. There was a discussion regarding what should be required from food truck operators, including, among other things, registering with the tax division. Mr. Ruffner said he is not trying to ban them; he is trying to make it a level playing field. Mr. Ruffner asked if the committee was going to recommend charging the food truck vendors a license fee. Mr. Matuszak said that he is open to registration fees for food trucks, but not in the amount that Mr. Ruffner is looking for. Mr. Ruffner stated that he has to pay property taxes and he does not know why the food truck operators should not have to pay comparable amounts to do business in Perrysburg. Mr. McCarthy suggested that the law director be at the next meeting or provide something in writing for the committee's consideration. Mr. Matuszak said that he would further discuss the matter with the law director about putting together a draft ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Matuszak, Chairman
Finance and Economic Dev. Comm.

Next meeting: Monday, September 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.