

MINUTES COMMITTEE MEETING
REYNOLDSBURG DEVELOPMENT, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
May 13, 2019

Chairman Marshall Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM

Call to Order - Roll Call

PRESENT: Spalding, Baker, Bryant, Skinner, Joseph

ABSENT:

Approval of Agenda

Agenda stands approved

Approval of Minutes

a. Development, Parks and Recreation Committee – Committee Meeting – April 22, 2019

RESULT:	ACCEPTED
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NEW LEGISLATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND TO AN ACCOUNT IN THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT --- Spalding, Development, Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Bauman: Thank you Chairman Spalding, members of the Committee. I am here to ask for authorization for the auditor to appropriate funds from the unappropriated general fund into the various account listed within the Parks and Recreation Department. These are all sponsorship dollars that have come in thus far, the majority of them as you see are for the Tomato Festival. And then the Marbar Garden Cub donated money to plant some annuals over at the Senior Center and then Kim Rainy Photography sponsorship dollars for youth sports.

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 5/13/2019 7:35 PM
MOVER:	Marshall Spalding, Chairman	
SECONDER:	Stacie Baker, At-Large Councilmember	
AYES:	Spalding, Baker, Bryant, Skinner	

DESIGNATING THE REYNOLDSBURG COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION AS AN AGENCY OF THE CITY UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 1724.10 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT AND PLAN FOR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, DISTRIBUTION AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT. --- Spalding, Development Department.

Mr. Bowsher: Thank you chairman Spalding and other members of the Committee. Today this legislation is before is basically for a replacement for the Reynoldsburg Community Improvement Corporation better known as a CIC. Sometimes it's known as an economic development corporation. Basically it serves its mission is to promote and provide economic development strategies for the

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City. This would be in conjunction with City and Development staff while working cooperatively and independently of the City. It can provides loans, grants, tax credits, special districts and other economic incentives to bring jobs and businesses here to the City. It is something that is done pretty much wide spread across the state of Ohio and other states. There is about 300 actually known in the state of Ohio and every central Ohio community has one. We did have one as well, it was called READY. It became defunked about 3 years ago so this would be the replacement and the extension of that. It will act as the City's land bank and serve as a go between, between the public and private partnership that we are here to establish. Some of the great ones here in the area, here real close to us is the New Albany Company, in New Albany and Grow Licking County, who we work with on a daily basis with a lot of the JEDs that we have out to the east and to the township. And just that being said you know, I'll answer any and all questions as it pertains to the legislation and Community Improvement Corporation.

Mr. Spalding: Any questions? I have got a couple. So, what would the make up of this committee look like and will the Council vote on those member of that committee?

Mr. Bowsher: Yea, so it will be a five member committee. I would, the Mayor serve on it a Council member, in the legislation you will see that it names Barth Cotner, we thought that the Finance chair would be great but that would be totally up to City Council on who you would like to nominate for that position. The other 3 positions would be at large community members, normally it would be business owners to give that sort of rounded effect and I would serve as the defacto director as I do in my current role here for the City. That would be the 5. A CIC is only as good as one that is funded properly. I think that was some of the issues that maybe READY had in the past. Were still fundamentally sort of looking out as how we would like to do that. The lead advantage right now is to utilize a lot of the joint economic development districts we have with Etna and some of the other ones we are creating with some of the other townships here in the future to use a certain percentage of that, that we would renew annually to be able to allocate towards that. So basically its taking economic development dollars to create more economic opportunity here within the City.

Mr. Spalding: Ok, and that actually, that's actually logical, because those funds are coming in, they are not necessarily planned funds. I mean those are growth funds, they are coming in only because of development and it makes good sense that they can also be utilized for more development so that's a good idea. I think also the, since in reading through in all the pages, it seems like there was multiple places and oh and by the way the legislative branch has to ok this, so there is ample areas that everything to do with this pretty well has to go through Council. So I am comfortable with that. I think the safeguard is that isn't just ok now off we go like a rocket. And I think its better to get it created now and then next week or so put together the funding before were going to do it. Because you have to have a body before you can put food in it. So this is I think a rational approach to start here. We've got multiple readings, Jed's on vacation, so lets get more legal readings on it over the next couple of readings. But I think this is a good place to start, that fact that we didn't have it, I am amazed that almost every City around has one of these. I mean we are probably about the only one that doesn't. So I think its good to get back on track and lets make sure that were headed in the developmental stream that we want to. Any other questions?

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Mr. Luzader: And Mr. Bowsher has already a couple of my questions that I had for him this morning. You say there would be 5 members on the board? Is that the maximum number we can have?

Mr. Bowsher: Yes sir. It is not the maximum after speaking to our Squire, Patton and Boggs our legal council outside, they are sort of the subject matter experts in creating the legislation piece. They felt the best opportunity for a new young CIC to have a limited number of individuals and that could grow if need be. But they felt that 5 was an accurate number.

Mr. Luzader: And what the number is 40% and 20% are elected...

Mr. Bowsher: Its 40% that the City has to allocate towards. So that would be the two members and then the 3 at large from the local business community. A lot of them you get into a lot of the bigger ones Licking County and even New Albany Company, you will get large donors that will allocate funds towards that for being on it because its a strategic advantage for businesses to be on it as well. So you can have membership dues, there is other funding streams that will to do that as well, as well as grants and other opportunities from the county and the state and the federal government, so its not just going to be City funded but at this very early stages that's its primary objective is to be funded through the City to be able to sort of streamline a lot of the development process and to be able to put deals together that it wouldn't be as opportunist for City Council to do.

Mr. Luzader: That would jus the voting members?

Mr. Bowsher: It would be voting members.

Mr. Luzader: Since you said your a non voting member.

Mr. Bowsher: I am a non voting member.

Mr. Luzader: I was wondering since we don't actually have a finance director or budget director, I myself, even if we do have Mr. Cotner or the finance chair sitting it in, I think it would be advantageous to have maybe someone from the Auditors office just to sit in and if there were any finance questions, they might be able to help answer or different things like that.

Mr. Bowsher: I will leave that up to Council decision.

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