

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
MARCH 4, 2009**

In attendance were Committee members John Kevern, Joe Lawless, Mike Olmstead; John Alexander, City Administrator and Rick Thielen, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Administrator.

Committee Chairman John Kevern called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Wood County Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) Annual Meeting

The meeting will be held on March 18, 2009 at 3 p.m. at the Wood County Commissioner's Hearing Room. Mr. Thielen presented the agenda for the meeting to the Committee. Mr. Thielen also presented a draft of the report that will be submitted to TIRC. The report contains the City of Perrysburg's TIRC review of outstanding Enterprise Zone (EZ) and Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) agreements. The information being presented is as follows:

EZ Agreements

1. HIAB-Cargotec – met standards and continue abatement
2. Frazier Machine – met standards and continue abatement
3. Jerl Machine – met standards and continue abatement
4. Schuetz Container – employment is down from 125 to 99, but CEO is optimistic it will increase. The City will monitor this abatement.

CRA Agreements – there were no new CRAs approved in 2008, but expect 5 more CRAs over the next couple of years.

1. Blade Distribution/Belinske Development – abatement expired at the end of 2008. No recommendation is necessary.
2. Ohio Farmers Insurance/Larry, Moe & Shirley LLC – all performance standards are being met continue abatement.
3. Ohio Table Pad/JECHST – all performance standards are being met continue abatement.
4. Zysik & Zysik/JMZTG – all performance standards are being met continue abatement.
5. Frazier Machine – should monitor due to only 2 out of 5 jobs being created. Company was granted a 24 month window which will expire at the end of 2009. The City will continue to monitor job levels and decide whether or not to modify abatement at next year's TIRC.
6. HIAB – only has 61 current jobs which should be 73, but the City was notified that the company is considering consolidating additional 35-40 jobs in the near future. The

abatement will be continued or modified based upon consolidation and expansion.

7. Owens Illinois – Real property investment levels were met and in 2008 City Council modified agreement to reflect current job number of 695. OI currently has 691 jobs. Continue this abatement.
8. AK Investors LTD/Tarpstop – One of ten jobs has been created and the company has a 48 month time-frame to create additional jobs. Performance standards are being met and recommended to continue abatement.

Pre-1999 CRA Abatements -- the City began actively pursuing outstanding CRA abatements in 2006-2007 and at the present time all but 4 abatements remain and of these 4 all are paying the schools in accordance with City policy.

Mr. Kevern asked if all companies are even monetarily with the schools and Mr. Thielen responded that all companies were current with payments with both Perrysburg Schools and PENTA. He stated that the school system went to an invoice system for payments and this is working out very well. Mr. Lawless stated that the City had problems with a particular company last year not paying and Mr. Thielen stated that the issue was cleared up and the company is now paid up-to-date.

2. Economic Development Reception

Mr. Thielen brought the Committee up-to-date on the plans for the Economic Development Reception to be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Carranor Country Club. Save-the-date postcards will be sent out and at a later date, invitations, which will be done in house, will be mailed. The only outside cost for the postcards and invitations will be postage. Mr. Thielen submitted a proposed invitation list including 213 people with an expectation of 200 attending. Mr. Kevern asked when the invitations would be sent out because he wanted the Committee to have a chance to look over the list of people being invited. It was decided that the save-the-date postcards would go out after the next meeting in April and then the invitations would be sent out April 30th with and RSVP date of May 20th. The event will be \$10 per person which includes an 18% gratuity, and provide a cash bar. There will be a brief program scheduled for 6:30 p.m. which will include a welcome by John Kevern, an introduction of Mayor Evans by Mr. Lawless and a short speech by Mayor Evans. Mr. Lawless would like to see the program shortened by taking out the downtown improvement portion. He would also like to see a theme for the evening such as "Our Future is Bright". During the reception a short video will be playing continuously that describes the City of Perrysburg including sights to see, economic development, the school system, and real estate market. Mr. Thielen

presented the video for the Committee to view and stated that it was created for free two years ago by GCI Productions and this video was placed on the City website. Mr. Olmstead stated that several things in the video were already outdated such as restaurants that have since closed, stating that Perrysburg has a booming real estate market, and mispronouncing the name of the Maumee River. Mr. Olmstead also felt that the video should highlight entire business developments instead of single businesses. Mr. Lawless stated that the video should highlight business retail projects (9 developments) and not on single retailers. Mr. Olmstead felt the focus would be on the outdated information and would take away from the reception.

3. Other Business

Mayor Evans stated that he just came from the Wood County Economic Development meeting and they looked at Conveyance Fee Disbursements which had dropped 40.9% in the month of January 2009.

There being no further business, Mr. Kevern adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

The next Economic Development meeting will be April 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

