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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Dewitt Walton, Chair; Tom Baker, Patrick Catena, Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Bob Macey and John Palmiere, Members

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

Invited Guests:

William D. McKain, CPA, Allegheny County Manager or designee(s)
Lance Chimka, Director, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development

Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.

Mr. Chimka and Mr. Earley were present from the Department of Economic Development.

Mr. DiMarco was present from DiMarco Construction.

Mr. Barker was present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 1 - DeWitt Walton

Members Absent: 3 - Sam DeMarco ,Bob Macey andJohn Palmiere

Members Phone: 3 - Tom Baker,Patrick Catena andNick Futules

Members 1 - Sue Means

Non-Members:

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Agenda Items

Resolutions

[10721-18](#)

A Resolution of the Council of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, made pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act ("LERTA"), Pa. Stat. Ann. tit. 72, §4722 et seq. (1995), as amended, providing for: a program of temporary exemption from increases in Allegheny County Real Property Taxes, for specified time periods, resulting from improvements made by an owner of property located within a specific geographic area within the City of Clairton, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, previously determined to be a deteriorated area; establishing a schedule for exempting increases in Allegheny County property taxes resulting from such improvements; and prescribing the requirements and procedures by which an owner of property located within the deteriorated area can secure the temporary exemption resulting from such improvements.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

At the request of the Chair, the clerk read the title of the bill and Mr. Chimka summarized its provisions, noting that the site in question is approximately six acres in size fronting PA Route 837 in the City of Clairton, and that the parcel had formerly been owned by a County authority and was therefore tax exempt. Mr. Chimka indicated that the business owner of an adjacent parcel had expressed an interest in acquiring the

parcel in order to develop an office/warehouse space and provide room for future expansion, and that the cost of the new development is approximately \$1.5 million. Mr. Chimka provided a site plan that showed the planned development structures, which would total about 11,000 square feet in warehouse space and about 6,400 in office space.

Mr. Chimka, the Chair and Mr. Catena discussed the exemption schedule reflected in the resolution.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. DiMarco indicated a desire to draw new hires from the City of Clairton to the extent possible.

The Chair expressed support for the concept of returning properties to the tax rolls, particularly in instances in which doing so also provides employment opportunities for local residents.

A motion was made by Catena, seconded by Baker, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08.