

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Economic Development & Housing

Rich Fitzgerald, Chair; Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Matt Drozd, Mike Finnerty, Nick Futules, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea - Members

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Dennis Davin, Director, Economic Development or Designee

Mike Wojcik, County Solicitor or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn; Maurice Strul, Mike Pehur, and Richard Ranii for Mr. Davin*

Recognized attendees: Derek Uber, County Manager's Office; Mike Swisher, Horizon Properties

Council staff in attendance: Jared Barker and Joe Catanese

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Matt Drozd, Nick Futules, Chair Rich Fitzgerald, Council Member Chuck McCullough, and Council Member William Robinson
Absent: Jim Burn, Joan Cleary, John DeFazio, Michael Finnerty, Amanda Green, Bob Macey, and Jan Rea

III. Approval of Minutes

3948-08 Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 27 & April 10, 2008 Economic Development Housing Committee Meetings.

Action: **A motion was made by Futules, seconded by Chair Fitzgerald, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items

Ordinance

3906-08 An Ordinance Authorizing the County of Allegheny to convey approximately 10.6071 acre lot of excess land along Green Commons Road in Scott Township to Senterra Building and Development, Inc., a private developer of property.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Ranii provided the committee with a summary of the bill.*

Action: **A motion was made by Futules, seconded by Chair Fitzgerald, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

Resolutions

3907-08

A Resolution providing for a program of temporary exemption from county real property taxes for improvements, including repairs, construction, or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial or business property in a deteriorated area in the Township of Findlay, County of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. 72 §4722 et seq.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

The Chair read the title and deferred to Mr. Pehur, who summarized the project.

Mr. Swisher came to the table and described Horizon's involvement in the project.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked why this was structured as a LERTA and not a TIF, and Mr. Swisher explained that the primary reason was that the LERTA structure allows the project to proceed on the necessary time line.

Action:

A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

3908-08

A Resolution providing for a program of temporary exemption from county real property taxes for improvements, including repairs, construction, or reconstruction, made on industrial, commercial or business property in a deteriorated area in the Municipality of Monroeville, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, pursuant to the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, Pa. Stat. Ann. Tit. 72 §4722 et seq.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Mr. Pehur provided the committee with a summary of the project. He also provided an update to the Committee regarding the Department of Economic Development's efforts at providing supplemental information on existing TIF and LERTA arrangements within the County, and noted that a final report should be done by June.

Action:

A motion was made by Futules, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment

Summary:

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM