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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, December 19, 2013
ERLINGHAUSER ROOM 9:00 PM

The Tax Incentive Program Review Committee held a Special meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2013. The meeting began at 9:05 P.M.

Roll call:

Bart Flaherty	present
Keith Murray	present
Charles Stowe	present
Peter Kelly	present

4 present, 0 absent

Also present:

Mayor David Casseti
Peter Kelly, Economic Development Director

Mayor David Casseti opened the meeting at 9:05. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Casseti then asked for nominations for Chairman. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to nominate Mr. Murray Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly. Mayor Casseti asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none. Mayor Casseti closed the nominations for Chairman. All were in favor of the nomination.

Mayor Casseti entertained motions for Vice-Chairman. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to nominate Mr. Kelly for Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murray. Mayor Casseti asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none. Mayor Casseti closed the nominations for Vice-Chairman. All were in favor of the nomination.

Mayor Casseti entertained motions for Secretary. Mr. Kelly made a motion to nominate Mr. Stowe for Secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Flaherty. Mayor Casseti asked three times if there were any other nominations. There were none. Mayor Casseti closed the nominations for Secretary. All were in

favor of the nomination.

Mayor Cassetti then turned the meeting over to the new Chairman Mr. Murray.

Mr. Murray entertained motions to set the meetings for the committee. Mr. Flaherty made a motion to hold the meetings concurrently with the Economic Development Commission as required. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Kelly then introduced a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an agreement with Better Packages for the purpose of awarding tax incentives. He stated that Better Packages is a \$20 million dollar company that is looking at two spaces in the Hershey Industrial Park. They are currently located in Shelton and they need a larger space. They are planning on doing approximately \$200,000 worth of improvements to the buildings. They are asking for abatements on that, on the incremental increase to the tax liability resulting from the improvements. They are not asking for abatements on the base level taxation. Better Packages also brings to the table approximately \$950 K in personal property. They are looking for abatement on that. They are also looking for abatement on the equipment as well. There was a long discussion regarding the requests of Better Packages. Mr. Kelly then stated that Better Packages are requesting incentives above and beyond what the City can offer through the Tax Incentive Program.

Mr. Kelly then asked the members how they wanted the resolution to appear? He gave them two samples and requested the members' input. One of them is very generic. The other is more detailed. It spells out the level of tax abatement. Mr. Flaherty stated that the Committee is moving to allow the most that the Tax Incentive Program allows. They don't have the authority to go beyond that. He suggests that give them the most that they can allow and the Board of Aldermen can do other things. Statutorily, this is all that the Commission can do.

Mr. Flaherty made a motion to pass the maximum allowable incentive and to use the sample of the resolution that is more detailed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stowe. All were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Flaherty made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Stowe seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

The meeting ended at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Sardinha