

Economic Development Incentive Committee
March 9, 2021
Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

Chairman Al Nickles called the meeting to order at 1:45pm. Meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. The following members were present constituting a quorum: Paul Koch, Brendan Heil, and Greg Voltz. Also present were: Ex-officio member Abbey Bemis, Community Development Director Jonathan Holody, City Commission Liaison Naomi Twine, and clerk Kristen Barone.

Approval of February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Koch made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Mr. Heil seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

Program Financial Update

Mr. Nickles stated that there are no updates since the last meeting.

Review of Applications Received

Mr. Holody stated that RDMJD, LLC is a real estate holding company formed in January 2021 for the purpose of acquiring and owning the former Sandusky YMCA building at 2101 Perkins Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio. The company will lease the property to Ahner Commercial, which shares common ownership with RDMJD, LLC. Ahner Commercial is a leading distributor and installer of commercial doors, windows and aluminum and glass storefront materials. The company will use the property for its administrative, assembly, storage and distribution activities. Ahner will relocate seven full time employees to the site and plans to add seven additional full time staff at the site within three years. The renovation estimates of this property come to \$147,261.00 and the company is requesting a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. Staff recommends approval of this request. The company is also seeking a tax abatement of 75% for 10 years, which is the standard amount that the City has been providing. If the EDIC members vote to approve the grant request, staff will take both this request along with the tax abatement request to City Commission for approval. Mr. Voltz made a motion to approve the grant request and Mr. Heil seconded the motion. All voting members voted for the motion except for Mr. Nickles, who abstained from the vote.


Other Business

Mr. Nickles stated that he would like to propose that the committee meets every other month instead of monthly since the meetings have been rather quick these past couple of months. Mr. Koch stated that he would be fine either way, or even meeting on an as needed basis. Since there were no objections to this suggestion, Mr. Nickles said that the April 13th meeting will be cancelled and the committee will reconvene in May.

Meeting Adjournment

Mr. Nickles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 1:52pm.

APPROVED:



Kristen Barone, Clerk



Mr. Nickles, Chairman