



## Economic Development and Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2015, 2:00 pm

Members: Robert Ruse, Dan Wagner

Excused: Jerry Staczek

Other Attendees: none

### Old Business:

- **Development Ideas for Crossroads** Discussed the need to create a master plan. As a follow up to discussions at the past two meetings, a motion was approved to have the City publish a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a master plan. The plan would start with the Crossroads, and expand to include the entire City. Potential funding from General Fund, Rossford TID, LGIF (June 2016).
- **Traffic Study** - Discussed performing a Traffic Impact Study on Lime City Road between Deimling Road and SR 795. It was discussed at previous meetings that this could get rolled into the Master Plan. City Administration also planning to discuss with OTC at some point. No update at this time.
- **Paving of Crossroads Parkway** – Shared an update that the Parkway resurfacing was bidding at 3:00 today for resurfacing yet this fall vs next spring.
- **Gas Line Relocation** - Mike Scott and Jerry Miller are to share contacts and place a call to the gas company about relocating a cross country gas line. The Parkway boulevard right of way might be an ideal location to relocate this line. No further update.
- **Development Fee Comparison** – Committee still waiting on a comparison of taxes, fees, and assessments for various parcels in NW Ohio: Crossroads, Levis Commons, and Arrow Head Park. Mr. Scott had no update.
- **Tax Incentive for New Development** – Discussed the potential of creating legislation similar to that of surrounding communities that would reduce city income based on development. A motion was approved to request the law director to draft legislation for a reduction of tax (for a specified period of time) for economic development projects that create new jobs. City Income tax to reduce to 1.5% for a set period of time (10 to 15 years), stepped down over the time period.

### New Business:

- **Vacant Structure Registration** – Discussed having legislation drafted requiring vacant downtown structures to be registered to avoid them being vacant and being used as storage units. Legislation request was referred to Law Director.
- **Downtown Façade Grant** – Discussed the potential of regenerating the old downtown façade grant program. Legislation request was referred to Law Director.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:17.

**REMINDER - Economic Development will continue with Friday morning regularly scheduled meetings; the second Friday of each month at 10:00 am.**