

CIRCLEVILLE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES 3.26.2024

Circleville City Finance Committee convened in City Council Chambers, 127 South Court St, Circleville, OH. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Roll call: Present: Chair Katie Logan Hedges, Committee members Jeff Hallinin and Tom Duvall, and Clerk Melissa Burns. Invited Guests present: Mayor Michelle Blanton, Auditor Mark Bidwell, Tim Colburn and Glenn Reeser. Council members present: Barry Keller, Zach Brooks, John Moats, and Tom Klitzka.

Call Meeting to Order and Roll call.

Hallinin motioned to approve the February 6, 2024, minutes. Duval seconded. Motion carried.

1. New Business

a) AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO CREATE THE CITY OF CIRCLEVILLE-PICKAWAY TOWNSHIP JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE THE REDISTRIBUTION OF THE JEDD INCOME TAX REVENUE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Discussion: *JEDD Updates & Education by Tim Colburn, P3 Executive Director and Glenn Reeser, City Appointee.* Tim Colbourn stated this JEDD includes the City, Pickaway Township, and the Logan Elm School District (LESD). This JEDD was created for Sofidel and to put in a 12-mile-long gas line. The gas line was funded by a Jobs Ohio Loan. Sofidel announced plans for an expansion and because of that expansion, P3 was able to ask for early forgiveness of the Jobs Ohio Loan as part of the incentive package. This JEDD allocates 3% of the Total Revenues collected annually to pay for the City's costs incurred in connection with the JEDD Income Tax (the Administrative Cost Share"). However, the Administrative Cost Share has been less than what was originally budgeted. RITA refunded the City over \$30,000 in the last 6 years. The JEDD is proposing to amend the Ordinance seeking to eliminate the Administrative Cost Share and temporarily eliminate distributions to the City until the LESD has received an amount equal to the refunded payments from RITA. LESD will receive 8% of the Total Revenues until made whole. The proposed adjustments were reviewed by the JEDD Board and approved unanimously.

MOTION-ROLL CALL-VOTE. Hallinin motioned to forward the Ordinance to the next Council meeting on April 2, 2024. Duvall seconded. Roll call (3 Yeas – 0 Nays) Motion carried.

2. **Old/Other Business:** Mayor Blanton spoke about the recent failed Safety Levy. In November of 2019 the Citizens passed the Safety Levy 61% to 38%. This was put back on the ballot this past November and failed 45% to 54%. This Levy was attempted again last week and failed with a smaller margin of 1,265 votes for and 1,346 against. The Mayor is still in support of the Levy and will review all options in putting the Levy back on the ballot in November. At the end of 2023, there was \$1,027,053 million in the 227 Fund account. This Levy would help pay for safety forces salaries and equipment. President Keller said he and Hedges met with the Mayor and he has challenged her to meet with the Chiefs of the safety forces for their input. He wants the Mayor to then come back to Council with a proposal of what the levy should look like. Hedges stated if the Levy isn't passed it would cut the safety forces funding by a 3rd.

Hallinin Motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m., Duvall seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.