

Circleville Downtown Redevelopment District Operating Committee (hereafter, DRD) convened on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 127 South Court St. Present at Roll Call: Chair Daryl Wolfe, Mike Hartley and Clerk Melissa Burns. Invited Guest Present: Barry Keller, Tom Klitzka, Tom Duvall, Katie Logan Hedges, John Moats, Zack Brooks, Jeff Hallinin, Auditor Mark Bidwell, Mayor Michelle Blanton, and P3 Tim Colburn,

Wolfe called the DRD meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

Hartley motioned to approve the minutes from September 19, 2024. Wolfe seconded. Motion Carried.

New Business:

1. Wolfe stated Hartley and himself visited Everts to make sure the work was completed per the request for funds by Jon Baily. They were able to verify the work was done and have alerted the Auditor it is okay to pay the invoices per the last meeting's approval.

2. Status of 4 Downtown DRDs.

Discussion: Wolfe stated the State denied the four downtown DRDs because the applications included exempt property and Circleville City School District wasn't properly notified.

Tom Spring stated the City enlisted the help of the Montrose Group to create the Everts DRD.

Mr. Spring stated they were the first City in Ohio to create a DRD after the law passed. Spring stated the City couldn't fit all of downtown in one DRD so they worked to create four. The Everts DRD will expire in 2026.

Bidwell stated \$22,338.67 was put in the downtown DRDs for the completion of the work for the KNB building. Bidwell stated since the DRDs were denied he isn't positive if the funds can be retroactively used if new applications are approved.

Wolfe asked why the Everts DRD pays annually but the downtown DRDs are a one-time payment. The Auditor will follow with the County Auditor regarding that question.

Keller stated the Board needs to consider if the City wants to reapply for the DRDs, and does the City want to keep the same boundaries as before. Keller stated the information needs to be funneled through the Law Director, the Mayor, and possibly the Montrose Group to help advise. Keller stated once the new legislation has been created it would then need to go to Council for approval.

Wolfe asked if the legislation could be amended or if new legislation is needed. Keller deferred the question to the Law Director for her opinion.

Tim Colburn stated the legislation most likely will need to be new because certain tax records need state approval prior to being amended. Colburn suggested replacing the exempt properties with other properties.

Wolfe stated the Board will collaborate with the Mayor, P3 and the Law Director's office to start the path forward.

Wolfe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Hartly seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Burns, Clerk.