

THE CITY OF STREETSBORO, OHIO
SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, June 13, 2022

This Special Finance Committee Meeting was called to order on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7:58 p.m. by Justin Ring, Chairman.

PRESENT: Mike Lampa, Justin Ring, Jennifer Wagner, Anthony Lombardo, Julie Field, Steve Michniak

ABSENT: Jon Hannan

ALSO PRESENT: Glenn Broska, Mayor
Frank Beni, Law Director
Patricia Wain, Police Chief
Kevin Grimm, Fire Captain
Matt Miller, Finance Director
Bill Miller, Service Director
Justin Czekaj, Municipal Engineer
John Cieszkowski, Planning Director
Patrick O'Malia, Economic Development Director
Shawna Lockhart-Reese, HR Manager
Caroline Kremer, Clerk of Council

MOTION: TO EXCUSE MR. HANNAN.

Moved by Mr. Michniak, seconded by Mr. Lampa. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Special Business

T-7254 Ratify the CRA Agreement w/Aurora Plastics

Mr. O'Malia thanked Council for arranging this Special Finance Committee Meeting. He said this proposed agreed had been referred to as Project Moist since November 2021; it was finally ready to go. He had secured \$1,000 for the Shop with a Cop program to help Streetsboro disadvantaged youths enjoy a nice holiday, \$1,500 for the Bicentennial celebration, and \$1,500 for the School's Principal Fund, which the Schools use as a discretionary fund for educational events. He added that Aurora Plastics had implemented a number of noise protections for the residents of Hickory Ridge. There would be some things done to hopefully reduce noise vibrations and keep the sound on site. The residents of Hickory Ridge may have some issues with that, but the City had done what it could to protect the residents. He noted that the legislation was written as emergency legislation, and he preferred to keep it that way so it would take effect immediately after it was passed, but he would like it to go through the three readings to give the citizens time to give input and so they don't feel like this was pushed on them.

Mr. Lampa asked if the City had talked with the Hickory Ridge residents. He thought their biggest

concern were the trucks running continuously all night. Mr. O'Malia answered that he, Mr. Lombardo and Mr. Cieszkowski had met with some members of their Homeowner's Association and their biggest issue seemed to be a low frequency hum. The City could not identify or know whom was causing that; it was possible it was Aurora Plastics, but they deny it, and it was possible it was the large Nestle plant that was a refrigerated facility. Mayor Broska added that all the trucks at the Nestle plant had to run constantly; it was a freezer plant and the trucks had to run the refrigerators whenever they had product onboard. It was very difficult to identify where the sound might be coming from. Aurora Plastics had done some studies and their readings indicated the sound emanating from their plant was basically the sound of a vacuum cleaner, but sometimes self-reporting was not always trustworthy. The Ohio EPA had responded to a noise complaint, but they did not find any issues.

Mr. Lombardo thanked Mr. O'Malia for trying to help out with the Hickory Ridge concerns. Mr. Lombardo, and the Mayor, had spoken to a couple of Hickory Ridge residents and it seemed they were appreciative of the City's efforts to help, but they still had some concerns with the noise. They understood it would not be 100% gone, but they wanted to be kept up to date on what was happening. Mr. O'Malia said he had been in contact with Ron Good, a member of the HOA board.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FOR FIRST READING.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

T-7255 Extend Reporting Deadline for Talis Economic Incentive Agreement

Mr. O'Malia explained that Talis had merged with a Swedish medical device company, which was a complex transaction, but they would need to file an extension for their income tax reporting. They were not going to report on this until September 15, 2022, but there was no provision in the Economic Incentive Agreement for this type of thing or the need for an extension on their income tax reporting. They had followed every provision to date. They had consistently exceeded their payroll goals and their employment goals, and Mr. O'Malia felt, as a result of this merger, that trend would not only continue but increase, therefore he did not want to disrupt things just because of a simple deadline date. The agreement said something like the amounts would be reported to the City by July 1 each year, the City would verify the report by August 1 each year, and the Finance Department would cut a check by September 1 of each year. That could not happen this year, but Mr. O'Malia didn't want to end the agreement, so it just needed amended, which Mr. Janis, the Assistant Law Director, had prepared, to allow the Economic Development Director to review a request and grant it. Mr. O'Malia didn't anticipate having to do this more than this one time.

MOTION: TO MOVE THIS AMENDMENT TO TONIGHT'S REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Moved by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mrs. Field. Upon voice vote, **motion carried.**

Announcements

The Regular Council Meeting will immediately follow this meeting.

There being no further business to come before this Special Finance Committee, and upon motion by Mr. Lampa, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, this meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ATTEST:

Caroline L. Kremer, Clerk of Council

Justin Ring, Chairman