

The Cleveland Economic Development Corporation met on June 29, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 907 E. Houston, at 8:30 a.m., with Dennis Kirkonis presiding.

PRESENT: Dennis Kirkonis, Brad Browder, Alfred Anderson, R. C. Sweeten, Carolyn McWaters, Durlene Davis, J. Rice, Kelly McDonald

ABSENT: Willie Carter

VISITORS: Mayor Jill Kirkonis, Eddie Lowery, Philip Cook, Barbara McIntyre, Gary Montgomery, Buddy Barnes, Mike Penry, Scott Lambert

J. Rice gave the invocation and Carolyn McWaters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kirkonis advised the State of the City Address will be held Monday, July 13 and asked the board for their video to run at the meeting.

1. Discussion/Action regarding a development plan for the Cleveland ETJ and other Cleveland EDC areas of influence.

Gary Montgomery, Montgomery & Associates, reviewed the proposal for a development plan including jurisdiction, financing and areas of interest. The Plan would consist of three phases – Phase I would be data gathering, Phase II would formulate the plan and recommendations and Phase III would refine the plan and final report. Workshops would be included for each phase development. Mr. Montgomery recommended Hawes, Hill and Calderon assist in the production of the study which would be an additional cost of \$15,000, and advised each phase could be approved as the plan develops. J. Rice recommended adding quality of life issues such as recreation, entertainment, etc. in the Phase I area. Mr. Rice also recommended the City take a role in the development and include impact fees in the study for the City to regain costs on the back end of a project through districts or TIRZ. Mr. Rice further asked that the study be titled “Cleveland ETJ and Planning Area”. R. C. Sweeten recommended checking on assuming private water systems and what the impact on the city would be. Mayor Kirkonis advised the need for a commitment by Council and the city Manager to use this plan and not just set in on a shelf. Mr. Montgomery also suggested involvement of the community and business leaders with educational meetings to keep the plan going and suggested bringing in the community leaders, developers, etc. into the second workshop for input. Mr. Barnes proposed \$25,000 on Phase I to Montgomery and Associates, with \$5,000 to Hawes, Hill, and Calderon or to use them as a subcontractor. Mr. Rice recommended using Hawes, Hill, and Calderon as a subcontractor. Alfred Anderson moved to approve Phase I with a second by R. C. Sweeten. All members voted “AYE”. Mr. Kirkonis advised the steering committee consisting of himself, J. Rice, Brad Browder, R. C. Sweeten, Eddie Lowery, Philip Cook and Scott Lambert would meet prior to the next meeting and bring some input back to the board.

2. Discuss 2009-2010 Budget.

J. Rice reviewed the 10-year planning budget and advised revenues would exceed projections this year. With board input, Mr. Rice advised he would prepare a budget for consideration at the next meeting.

Mr. Kirkonis advised the next meeting would be on July 20 at 6:00 p.m. With no further business before the board the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of July, 2009.

Dennis Kirkonis, President

ATTEST:

Kelly McDonald, City Secretary