

The Rules Committee held a meeting on
Wednesday, February 7th, 2024 beginning at 6:15 P.M.

Committee/Council Members Present: Chair Cerra, Stewart, Callahan, Davis, Mitchell, Armstrong Absent: Tollett

Administration and Department Heads Present: Safety Service Dir Pyanowski, Law Dir Breunig, Community Development Dir Scott, CD Manager Almobayyed

1. Approval of the May 24th, 2023 Rules Committee Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Stewart and second by Mr. Callahan to approve the said minutes.

2. The matter of the appointment of Council Members to the Elyria Economic Development Committee.

Referred By: Council President Stewart

Mr. Stewart said this a committee he was a member of along with Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Tollett. CD Manger Almobayyed will come up and report on some of the projects that they've done which have benefitted the downtown businesses.

Ms. Almobayyed said the EEDC was set up several years ago. It was initially intended to work on the CDBG RLF funds and then slowly as economic development programs were added, the roles have expanded. The committee now does job creation opportunity incentives. Those incentive agreements are reviewed every year. The committee also advises them and make recommendations to continue those agreements or if revisions needed to be made. There are currently a lot of downtown programs including the Downtown Historic Redevelopment grant, Downtown Façade Improvement grant, Downtown Demolition grant and the committee has been integral in reviewing those applications. When they had the ARPA Small Business Program, they worked together on that, along with the CARES Act.

It's a great committee to combine Council and the Mayor's office and the Community Development Dept. to get a well-rounded review of the applications and programming.

Mr. Stewart said it's an invaluable program that is offered. A lot of downtown businesses have benefited from it and CD Dir's and Dir Calvert do a great job and keep offering those programs. It's a start of transitioning those businesses and making those improvements.

At this point Mr. Stewart said he would like to make a motion to appoint Donna Mitchell, Phil Tollett and Jack Cerra to the Elyria Economic Development Committee.

Motion Made by Mr. Stewart and second by Mr. Callahan to authorize an ordinance for the 'said' appointments to the EEDC.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of the re-appointment of two members to the CRA Housing Council.

Referred By: Community Development Director Scott

Dir Scott said this is the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council is a requirement under Ohio Revised Code. The purpose of the council is to review the Building Department Inspections of residential properties that currently receive tax abatements in various CRA areas throughout the City. The committee meets once a year. The CD Department reviews the properties in December and the committee makes recommendations to the Tax Incentive Review Council to continue the abatements or to terminate them. The Council requires two appointments through the Mayor, one through Planning Commission and two through City Council. The two appointments by Council are Ramona Jackson and Tamara Schuetz and their terms had expired Dec. 31st, 2023. Both have expressed interest to continue to serve on this council, it's a 3-year term. The CD Dept recommends Ms. Jackson and Ms. Schuetz.

Motion Made by Mr. Stewart and second by Mr. Callahan to authorize an ordinance for the 'said' re-appointments to the CRA Housing Council.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

Motion moved by Mr. Callahan and seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn the Rules Committee Meeting at 6:25 P.M.

MOTION CARRIES

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant*