

The JOINT CD and FINANCE Committee held a meeting on **Monday, March 11th, 2024** beginning at 6:20 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

CD: Chair Callahan, Mitchell, Schneider, Oswald
Finance: Chair Tollett, Davis, Schneider, Siwierka, Cerra
Others: Armstrong
Not in attendance: Lipian, Stewart

Administration and Department Heads Present: Mayor Brubaker, Safety Service Dir Pyanowski, Finance Dir Pileski, Asst Finance Dir Farrell, Law Dir Deery, Dir Calvert, Public Works Supt Conner, Community Development Dir Scott, Engineer Schneider, HR Dir Yousefi, Parks Dir Reardon, WWPC Supt Stewart, Fire Chief Pronesti and Police Chief Pelko

1. Approval of the Joint Meeting Minutes from February 26th, 2024.

Mr. Schneider moved and Mr. Cerra second to approve these meeting minutes.

2. The matter of review and approval of a CRA Tax Abatement Agreement with Sunrise Hospitality, Inc.

Referred By: Community Development Mgr. Almobayyed
Chair Callahan said this matter has been removed and will appear at a later date.

3. The matter of a transfer of property from the Elyria Community Improvement Corporation to the City of Elyria.

Referred By: Asst Service Dir Calvert

Dir Calvert said the non-profit organization, Good Knights, who makes beds for children in need of a new facility and they have looked at the property on Leona Street that they think would be a really good fit. There are 5 parcels on that property. One is owned by the Elyria Community Improvement Corporation and all others are owned by the City. This property is across from the Hyundai facility. It's difficult land to develop because it has high tension wires running through the property and therefore only a portion can be built on. The City has proposed a maneuver where the City would consolidate the parcels and then split them so the property could be sold through the CIC to Good Knights and they can build a small facility there. It's a great central location for Good Knights.

They are requesting council to consider changing the ownership of that one CIC parcel to the City of Elyria so they can go through the process of combining those lots and then splitting them. Then they would take that northern portion lot and put it back into the Elyria Community Improvement Corporation's name so that it can be sold to Good Knights. That would leave about an acre of property with frontage on Griswold that could be available for future development.

Mr. Oswald asked if this property is zoned to do what they want to do?

Dir Calvert said it's not zoned for what they need. They have been in discussions with Good Knights and that rezoning would be incumbent upon them to request the rezoning, which would need to be rezoned to Light Industrial from Business General. If the zoning wouldn't go through, then the sale would not happen.

Mr. Tollett said because the Boy Scouts are here, he asked if Dir Calvert can give a synopsis of what this group does.

Dir Calvert said Good Knights is a non-profit organization that has volunteers that go through the process of building beds for children and seniors who don't have beds to get a good night's rest. This is a great initiative, they build around 1,000 beds per year.

Mrs. Davis said she had the opportunity to participate with this organization and she volunteered to make beds. She said it was a wonderful experience and she had a good time and she said she knows the recipients of those beds were grateful. She also belongs to an organization that supplies quilts to go with the beds. It's a wonderful program.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Motion was made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mrs. Mitchell to authorize an ordinance for the 'said' property transfer.

MOTION CARRIES

FINANCE:

Motion was made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Cerra to authorize an ordinance for the 'said' property transfer.

MOTION CARRIES

There was no further business for Community Development and Chair Callahan asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mrs. Mitchell and second by Mr. Oswald to adjourn the Community Development Committee Meeting at 6:30 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED

The evening's Committee Development Committee has adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

The evening's meetings continued with Finance Committee Meeting which began at 6:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Secretary/Administrative Assistant