



City of Ashtabula

Ashtabula City Council

Community Development/Economic Development/Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Council Chambers

4230 Lake Avenue

Minutes

Opening of Committee Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting of the Ashtabula City Council Community Development/ Economic Development/ Parks & Recreation Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Committee Chair DiGiacomo.

Roll Call

Members Present: Chair: Ward 5 Councilor Jane DiGiacomo, Vice Chair: Ward 4 Councilor Jodi Mills

Absent: Member: Ward 3 Councilor RoLesia Holman

Officers Present: City Manager James Timonere, Clerk of Council Ashley Bell

Parks & Recreation Board Members Present: None.

Visitors: Assistant Solicitor Catherine Colgan and Real Estate Manager Ashtabula County Auditor's Office Scott Yamamoto

Sunshine Law Certification

A quorum was established as defined by the Ashtabula City Council Rules of Order. The meeting met the requirements of the Ohio Sunshine Laws Open Meetings Act.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Visitors

Special Guest Presentation

Scott Yamamoto, the Real Estate manager from the County Auditor's office was the featured guest. He explained in great detail how tax abatement works. He also explained the amount the city is giving up to attract residents and businesses. He also covered in great detail how property taxes are determined and explained inside and outside mileage. Anyone that has questions about tax abatements is encouraged to contact the auditor's office. The City Manager stated Ashtabula offers tax incentives for residential and commercial properties. This is applicable for new construction as well as remodeling. Any tax abatement of more than 75% requires School Board approval.

Scott K. Yamamoto Real Estate Manager Ashtabula County Auditor's Office

City Manager's Report

The City Manager reported the progress of the hospital is great, and we are still waiting for word of the Appalachian grant.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report

No report.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Assistant Solicitor Colgan made several requests for the committee's consideration; prohibiting storage containers as accessory structures, regulating temporary carports, allowing aluminum roofs without a variance, as well as purposing a moratorium on small box retail stores. Currently, the city does not have any regulations in place regarding food trucks. Assistant Solicitor Colgan requested community input regarding the regulation of food trucks. Ordinances regarding boarding houses need to be reviewed, vacant building registration requirements should be updated, and update mail notification requirements across the buildings, zoning, and housing departments.

Motion: Committee Chair DiGiacomo moved to allow Assistant Solicitor Colgan to draft ordinances regarding storage containers, temporary car ports, aluminum roofs, updated mail notification requirements across the buildings, zoning, and housing departments, vacant building registration penalties; Vice Chair Mills seconded.

Discussion:

VOICE VOTE

Motion passed.

City Zoning Assistant City Solicitor Catherine Colgan

Next Meeting

July 23, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. by Committee Chair DiGiacomo.