

TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022
8:30 A.M.

The City of Alliance/Lexington Township Joint Urban Enterprise Zone Tax Incentive Review Council Annual Meeting was held at the City Administration Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 504 East Main St., Alliance, Ohio on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Edward Lohnes, Alliance City Council (Finance)
Brant Luther, Stark County Administrator
Janet Creighton, Stark County Commissioner
Jon Oates, Stark County Auditor's Office
Alan Harold, Stark County Auditor
Dave Thorley, Regional Planning Commission
Mary Jo Slick, Stark County Educational Service Center

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Mazzola, Planning & Development
Alan Andreani, Mayor
Tatiana Crockett, Planning & Development/Mayor's

The Tax Incentive Review Council held its annual meeting to review the previous year's progress and discuss the current status and compliance of the four companies participating in the Enterprise Zone/CRA. This year the county and the local level had elected not to invite any of the companies to the meeting unless there was cause for concern.

Seeing a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Stark County Auditor Alan Harold. Introductions were made by all present.

Recommendation: The minutes from the 2021 meeting should be accepted as presented.

Moved: Thorley Seconded: Creighton Motion Carried

Discussion/Creighton: Correction needed in the minutes regarding Alliance Venture's (Kohl's) 2020 payroll.

Recommendation: The minutes of 2021 be accepted as corrected/amended.

Moved: Thorley Seconded: Creighton Motion Carried

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The officers will now be elected for the committee. By statue, the County Auditor is Chair of the meeting.

Recommendation: Vice Chair – Janet Creighton; Secretary – Joe Mazzola
Moved: Harold Seconded: Shannon-Slick Motion Carried

Harold turned the meeting over to Joseph Mazzola, Director of Planning & Development for the City of Alliance.

ALLIANCE VENTURES (Kohl's)

CRA 10-001- Agreement executed December 2001 and expires December 2023.

The original commitment term agreement has a real property investment of \$3,000,000.00 with new employees 8 full time and 60 part time with an new payroll of \$800,000.00. As of 2021 the real property investment is \$1,786,599.00 and new employee payroll of \$786,274.00 with 18 full time and 148 part time. Mazzola attributes numbers to COVID-19.

Recommendation: Tax abatement agreement to be continued.
Moved: Shannon-Slick Seconded: Thorley Motion Carried

ALLIANCE VENTURES (Aspen Dental)

CRA 10-002 – Agreement executed July 2011 and expires July 2023. The original commitment term agreement has a real property investment of \$1,400,000.00 with new employees 11 full time and 42 part time with a new payroll of \$500,000.00. As of 2021 their real property investment \$2,995,000.00 with 16 full time and 50 part time, with a new payroll of \$960,522.00. Mazzola stated that the company has exceeded their payroll and has well exceeded their agreement. Creighton noted a clerical error in the 2021 minutes regarding the date of property investment. Mazzola stated that error would be corrected.

Recommendation: Tax abatement agreement to be continued.
Moved: Shannon-Slick Seconded: Creighton Motion Carried

ALLIANCE VENTURES (Mt. Union Gateway)

CRA 14-100- Agreement executed December 2014 and expires December 2026. Alliance School District-Abatement terms 100% / 12 yrs. The original commitment term for real property investment is \$3,500,000.00 new employees retained 30 full time and 70 part time with a new payroll of 2,000,000.00. As of 2021 their real property investment is \$3,800,000.00 with retained employees 30 full time and 112 part time with a new employees payroll of \$1,688,023.00. Mazzola stated that the company has definitely been affected by COVID-19 but he trusts that the company will come back in 2022. Creighton has concerns regarding 5/7 years the numbers were not met. Creighton questions why they have more employees but less payroll. Mazzola responds that the company is a growing retail strip.

Recommendation: Tax abatement agreement to be continued.
Moved: Thorley Seconded: Shannon-Slick Motion Carried

LAVERY CHEVROLET-BUICK, INC.

CRA 12-001 – Agreement executed November 2012 and expires November 2024- Exemption 50% / 12 years. Alliance School District – Original Term agreement for real property investment of \$2,295,000.00 to retain 63 employees and 3 new employees with a new payroll of \$105,000.00. As of 2021 their real property is \$1,426,000.00 and total employee retained 63 and 24 new employees, with a new employee payroll of \$626,687.00. Mazzola stated the company payroll has well exceeded our expectations. Harold notes a clerical error on the spreadsheet.

Recommendation: Tax abatement agreement to be continued.
Moved: Thorley Seconded: Creighton Motion Carried

The committee praises the growth and development of the City of Alliance. Mazzola is thanked by Creighton for the preparation of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:47a.m.

A tape recording of this meeting is on file in the Department of Planning and Development, 504 East Main Street, Alliance, Ohio.

Tatiana Crockett
Department of Planning and Development/Mayor's Office
City of Alliance, Ohio