

Council met in a **PUBLIC HEARING**. The President of Council called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Member(s) Present: **Mr. August A. Pugliese, (Ward 2)**
Mrs. Ann I. Stranman, (Ward 3)
Mr. James M. Trisket, (Ward 5 – 5:35 p.m.)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure, (Vice President)
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV, (Council President)

Member(s) Absent: **Mr. Richard F. Balog, (Ward 1)**
Mrs. Julie A. Lattimer, (Ward 4)

Officer(s) Present: **City Manager James M. Timonere, City Solicitor Michael Franklin**
City Auditor Dana D. Pinkert, Clerk of Council LaVette E. Hennigan

Officer(s) Absent: **None**

SUNSHINE LAW: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law (a short way into the discussion).

PURPOSE: The Council President announced the purpose of this Public Hearing was to comply with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 715.75 titled “Hearing and Notice”, to allow for public comments and recommendations regarding the JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (J.E.D.D.) CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA AND ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP, at the following properties:

Family Dollar Store (Route 20)
3236 North Ridge East (vacant lot soon to be a plaza across the street from Burger King)
Brockway & Mauro to NEO (behind Wal-Mart)

WELCOME: The President welcomed Mr. Earl Tucker.

DISCUSSION: The President reported a hearing was held for the Saybrook Township and City of Ashtabula JEDD on March 4. (The Vice President announced the Ward 5 Councilor arrived).

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS

Manager: Since this has been put out to the public, Mrs. Mauro owns another adjoining property, and has made application to be added to this JEDD once it is finalized. We did not want the process to stop in order to add the property. There is a way to add properties to an existing JEDD that is much easier than the initial JEDD itself. Most of the property owners realize that if there is going to be development on those properties, they need to get on board with the JEDD, and might as well do it before there is anything so there’s no hold up.

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He is working with Ashtabula Township so if there is other property along the stretch, the property owners and developers are being encouraged to get involved with the JEDD now so they, too, do not have any delays when they get the project.

President: We've had nothing but full cooperation from Ashtabula Township, and they see the agreements as favorable.

Manager: Ashtabula County Prosecutor Thomas Sartini, has helped Ashtabula and Saybrook townships; and has given his blessing. Ashtabula Township has passed their supporting resolution, and we are ready to go.

Public Questions and/or Comments: None

Closing Remarks: The President announced that by law no formal action may be taken at a public hearing. Legislation resulting from this public hearing is scheduled for a vote at this evening's Regular Council Meeting.

Adjourn: Mr. Pugliese moved, Mr. Trisket seconded to adjourn the Public Hearing at 5:39 p.m.; motion CARRIED.

DATE APPROVED: **April 1, 2013**

ATTESTED BY: _____

J. P. Ducro IV
President of Council

ATTESTED BY: _____

LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC
Clerk of Council