

**ASHTABULA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF ASHTABULA, OHIO
4717 Main Avenue, Ashtabula, OH 44004**

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

The City Council met in a **PUBLIC HEARING**. The President of Council called the hearing to order at 5:45 p.m.

Member(s) Present: Mr. Richard F. Balog (Ward 1)
Mr. August A. Pugliese (Ward 2)
Mrs. Josephine Misener (Ward 4)
Mr. J. P. Ducro IV (Council President)

Member(s) Absent: Mrs. Alice T. Cook (Ward 3)
Mr. Kris E. Hamrick (Ward 5)
Mr. Christopher J. McClure (Vice President)

Officer(s) Present: Mr. James M. Timonere (City Manager)
Mrs. LaVette E. Hennigan, MMC (Clerk of Council)

Officer(s) Absent: Mrs. Dana D. Pinkert (Finance Director)
Mr. Michael Franklin (City Solicitor)

SUNSHINE LAW: The Clerk of Council certified conformity to the Sunshine Law.

PURPOSE: The President of Council announced the purpose of this Public Hearing was to allow for public comments and recommendations regarding the Joint Economic Development District (J.E.D.D.) contract between the City of Ashtabula and Lantern at Saybrook.

WELCOME: The Council President welcomed visitors.

DISCUSSION

The City Manager reported this is our second JEDD in Saybrook Township. It is titled the "Route 20 Economic Development District to permit future businesses, which open in the same area, to tap into our sewer system, if need be. He said Lantern at Saybrook has been featured in the media, and that, "It is going to be one incredible facility". The Manager said it is being constructed at the former Dalhkempers location. Sewer permits will be issued upon complete of the JEDD process. Saybrook Township Trustees will host their public hearing on this JEDD at the end of this month. The JEDD is similar to that of St. John School, with the exception of this JEDD does not address or cite 501(C)(3), not-for-profit, status. However, the JEDD terms, for tax dollar distribution, are the same.

COUNCIL & ADMINISTRATION QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS

The President asked what the (sewer) tap-in fee will be. The Manager responded it is based on the waterline size that comes into our Waste Water Treatment Plant. He believes it remains a 2 inch line, which would be \$1,500. He said because the project is in Saybrook Township, Ashtabula County Commissioners also assess a tap-in fee, the amount for which he was unsure. The President asked if Lantern at Saybrook is aware of the fee and are prepared to pay it. The Manager responded yes, and believes they have applied for the "Permit to Install" (PTI), which permit may not be issued until the JEDD process is completed.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS - None

CLOSING REMARKS

The President announced that by law no formal action may be taken at a public hearing. The ordinance enacting this JEDD is scheduled for a vote at the Monday, May 18 Regular Council meeting.

ADJOURN: The Council President adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:50 p.m.; motion CARRIED.

DATE APPROVED: June 1, 2015

ATTESTED BY: J. P. Ducro IV
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President of Council

ATTESTED BY: LaVette E. Hennigan
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Clerk of Council