

City of Pittsburg, Kansas  
Economic Development Advisory Committee  
Official Minutes of the Conference Call of February 9, 2011

**Members Present:** Shane Kannarr, Mark Werner, Chuck Hosman, Bill Coleman, Brad Hodson, Richard Oler and Judy Westhoff

**Others present:** John VanGorden, Mayor Patrick O'Bryan, Commissioner Marty Beezley, Mark Turnbull and Stacie Perry

The Economic Development Advisory Committee met by a conference call due to inclement weather at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2011. Director of Economic Development, Mark Turnbull called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with seven (7) members accessed by phone.

The first agenda item was approval of minutes from the January 12, 2011 Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting. Kannarr made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Hosman. Motion carried.

Chairman of the Board Kannarr had one item for the committee. He asked to discuss in the near future the Streetscape 3 program being developed by Turnbull. The program is being developed to assist owners with the implementation of intense code inspections. Kannarr stated he had some concerns with the program. His first concern is the funding it will take for these types of projects and the fact there are other anticipated projects throughout the City that may ask for RLF funding. Turnbull stated he has created two versions for the Streetscape 3, a low or no interest loan or matching grant, capped at \$50,000 per property. He stated he had met with Kannarr and Blake Benson for discussion. There was additional discussion on the program before the discussion ended.

The second agenda item was tax abatement renewals. Turnbull began by stating the policy adopted by the City Commission is as follows: First companies file for approval of Tax Exemptions, second the staff and Economic Development Advisory Committee review applications for extension of exemption and send recommendations to City Commission, and finally the City Commission gives approval or disapproval. There are three criteria for approval which are as follows: business is in operation under same ownership, equipment and building is still in use, and all taxes are paid. Turnbull stated after staff review it was determined all applicants have met the criteria.

Menghini brought forward some possible issues with Holiday Inn's application. He stated the docket was awarded to HI1 Pittsburg, LLC. In their paperwork filed, the rider was filled in as Portell and Ratzlaff, LLC, and the applicant name is filled in as Holiday Inn. Turnbull stated the City will ask the County Appraiser's Office.

Turnbull asked for a motion to recommend 2011 tax abatement for Names & Numbers (Aspen Wood Directories) to the City Commission. Coleman moved to recommend approval, seconded by Westhoff. All carried, motion approved.

Turnbull asked for a motion to recommend 2011 tax abatement for Pitsco (warehouse and equipment only) to the City Commission. Oler moved to recommend approval, seconded by Hosman. All carried, motion approved.

Turnbull asked for a motion to recommend 2011 tax abatement for Pitt Plastics, Inc. to the City Commission. Coleman moved to recommend approval, seconded by Kannarr. All carried, motion approved.

Turnbull asked for a motion to recommend 2011 tax abatement for Progressive Products to the City Commission. Hosman moved to recommend approval, seconded by Westhoff. All carried, motion approved.

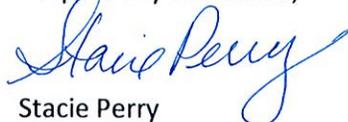
Turnbull asked for a motion to recommend 2011 tax abatement for HI1 Pittsburg, LLC to the City Commission. Oler moved to recommend approval, seconded by Coleman. All carried, motion approved.

Turnbull stated the tax abatement renewals will go before the City Commission on February 22, 2011 and are due to the County Appraiser's Office by March 1, 2011.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Being no further business, Hosman made the motion to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. Coleman seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacie Perry  
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