

**2021 FRANKLIN COUNTY
TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING**

**In the Matter of:
The City of Groveport**

**Monday, August 23, 2021
2:00 p.m.**

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THE CITY OF GROVEPORT
TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Greetings and welcome to the 2021 Groveport Tax Incentive Review Council meeting. Today is August 23, 2021, I am Michael Stinziano, and I am Franklin County Auditor, which also makes me the statutory chairperson for the TIRC. At this time, I will ask each TIRC member or designee to state their name, and the agency they are representing. I will begin: Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano.

- **Franklin County Auditor**
 - *Michael Stinziano, TIRC Chairperson*
- **City of Groveport**
 - *Jeff Green, Assistant City Administrator and Development Director*
 - *Jason Carr, Finance Director*
 - *Benjamin (BJ) King, Administrator*
- **Franklin County Board of Commissioners**
 - *Kelan Craig, Appointed Representative*
 - *Carlie Boos, Appointed Representative/TIRC Vice-Chair*
- **Madison Township**
 - *Susan Brobst, Administrator*
- **Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools**
 - *Christine Boucher*

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you. Is there anyone else from the City of Groveport who would like to announce...? I think we have everyone... for purpose of the records...? Seeing none... Mr. Newcome can you introduce yourself? From Franklin County Auditor's office.

LANE NEWCOME: I am Lane Newcome, TIRC Representative and Tax Incentive Team Lead.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you everyone for your work and getting us prepared for this meeting. Are there any stakeholders, people from the public or media that wish to announce themselves in attendance for purposes of records? (pause) Hearing none, we will

begin with the review of last year's minutes dated August 10th, 2020. Are there any necessary corrections and/or changes? (pause) Seeing no additional reviews, motion to approve the minutes.

CARLIE BOOS: So moved.

KELAN CRAIG: Second.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor, please signify by voting Aye.

EVERYONE: Aye.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Same sign for any opposition and any abstentions. (pause) The minutes have passed; we will now move to the CRA report review. We will review and vote on the status of each Post 94 CRA abatement report for tax year 2020.

JEFF GREEN: Ok, we have 5 Pre 1994 CRAs in the City of Groveport. Until last year, only 4 of them were active. As of last year, with the AEP, Training Center Rehab, we now have an abatement in CRA number 1 so we will start with that. It is one property, currently abated. The abatement is for substantial remodeling of American Electric Power's Training Center. The property is occupied, and the taxes are paid in compliance.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you for the report and recommendation. Are there any questions or comments? (pause) If there is no further review, I would like to seek a motion to accept the report and find it compliance.

KELAN CRAIG: So moved.

CARLIE BOOS: Second.

JEFF GREEN: Are we voting on each one or just...ok.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: On each one. Sorry, give me a second. It has been moved and seconded. All those in favor, please signify by voting Aye.

EVERYONE: Aye.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Same sign for opposition and any abstentions. (pause) The report is accepted. So we will vote after each presentation. So we are ready for CRA number 2.

JEFF GREEN: CRA number 2. We have 4 properties currently abated. 2 abatements are new for 2020. All abatements are in compliance and the buildings are presently occupied. Employment on the abated properties totals 297.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you for the report. Are there any questions or comments? (pause) Seeing none, I would like to seek motion to accept the report and find it compliance.

CARLIE BOOS: So moved.

KELAN CRAIG: Second.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor, please signify by voting Aye.

EVERYONE: Aye.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Same sign for opposition and any abstentions. (pause) The report is accepted; we will move on to CRA number 3.

JEFF GREEN: Ok there are 22 properties currently abated. 2 abatements expired at the end of 2020. All are in compliance, all are presently occupied, and the employment in CRA number 3 and the abated properties is 3,256.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you for the report. Are there any questions or comments? (pause) If there is no further review, I would like to seek motion to accept the report and find it compliance.

KELAN CRAIG: So moved.

CARLIE BOOS: Second.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor, please signify by voting Aye.

EVERYONE: Aye.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Same sign for opposition and any abstentions. (pause) The report is accepted. CRA number 4.

JEFF GREEN: CRA number 4, there are 3 properties and a total of 6 abatements. 2 abatements expired in the end of 2020. All are in compliance; all buildings are occupied. The employment in the abatement properties is 960.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you for the report. Are there any questions or comments? (pause) If there is no further review, I would like to seek motion to accept the report and find it compliance.

CARLIE BOOS: So moved.

KELAN CRAIG: Second.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor, please signify by voting Aye.

EVERYONE: Aye.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Same sign for opposition and any abstentions. (pause) The report is accepted, and we have our CRA number 5.

JEFF GREEN: Good. CRA number 5, there are 2 abated properties. Both are in compliance, both presently occupied, and the employment in the abated properties is 475.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you for the report. Are there any questions or comments? (pause) Hearing none, I would like to seek motion to accept the report and find it compliance.

KELAN CRAIG: So moved.

CARLIE BOOS: Second.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor, please signify by voting Aye.

EVERYONE: Aye.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Same sign for opposition and any abstentions. (pause) The report is accepted. We will now move to TIF review. We will review and vote on the City of Groveport TIF district status report for tax year 2020 and acknowledge the auditor's delinquent tax parcel list included in the TIRC packet. Are you presenting again? We will have 3 TIF Districts but 1 vote for all 3.

JEFF GREEN: Here we have 3 TIF districts, all are 30-year non-school TIFs. All the infrastructure, all the improvements to be made under the TIF have been completed for several years. First one is Opus North: 2 facilities have been constructed in the TIF district. All improvements are complete, both buildings are occupied. Job creation in this TIF is 1,200 jobs. In 2020 there were total \$62,165.60 dollars in pilot payments. (pause) Do you want me to go?

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Yep. Do all three of them...

JEFF GREEN: The second one is DRC TIF. There are no outstanding issues, the infrastructure funded through the TIF is complete. 2 facilities housing Kraft Foods, Gymboree, and ODW Logistics. Job creation to date is approximately 400. 2020 pilot payments \$47,720.42. And the last one is Air East TIF, there are no outstanding issues, the infrastructure is complete. 3 buildings now completed and now occupied by Honeywell, FedEx, and Faro Logistics. Job creation today is approximately 1,000. 2020 pilot payments \$78,206.50. And that concludes my report.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Thank you for the report. Are there any questions or comments? (pause)

CARLIE BOOS: For each of those, the fund balance is zero?

JEFF GREEN: Pardon me?

CARLIE BOOS: For each of those, the fund balance is zero?

JEFF GREEN: I still cannot hear you.

CARLIE BOOS: For each of those, the fund balance is zero?

JEFF GREEN: Ah... yes! Yes.

CARLIE BOOS: Thank you.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Is there any additional question or comment? (pause) If there is no further review, I would like to seek motion to accept the report and find it compliance.

CARLIE BOOS: So moved.

KELAN CRAIG: Second.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: It's been moved and seconded. All those in favor, please signify by voting Aye.

EVERYONE: Aye.

MICHAEL STINZIANO: Same sign for opposition and any abstentions. (pause) The reports are accepted. Quick housekeeping. As many in the room likely know when a local government seeks to create a new TIF or enterprise zone they file a DTE 24 application with the Auditor's office for review and then with the Department of Tax. As auditor I am asked on this form if I am neutral toward the project or have a recommendation that the Department of Tax should grant or deny the application. Beginning in 2021, all entities that

issue TIFs or enterprise zones were given notice that the auditor's office will begin to recommend applications be denied if a local government shows a pattern of failing in proper administration of existing projects or if they do not timely supply the information required for the TIRC at least two weeks prior to the hearing. Not an issue for Groveport, it met both of these standards and so will, unless there is a problem with a particular project, continue to receive a neutral recommendation on new DTE 24 filings. If there is no other business before TIRC, we are adjourned. Thanks everyone.

The proceedings were concluded at 2:07 p.m.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct, and complete written transcript of the proceedings in this matter, taken by me on 23rd day of August 2021, and transcribed from Franklin County Economic and Development digital voice recorder.

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