

**MINUTES OF RAVENNA CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
September 16, 2019**

The Meeting of the Ravenna City Community & Economic Development Committee was called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Chairman Bruce Ribelin. Present were Amy Michael, Matt Harper, Paul Moskun, Rob Kairis and Joseph Bica. Also attending the meeting were Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Mike Reynolds, Utility Billing Supervisor; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Dr. Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio; Deena Tannert of 784 East Main Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Greg Francis of 558 Coolman Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio and Christina West of 732 Eastland Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Ribelin said the one item on the agenda is to discuss an Enterprise Zone Agreement for the industrial development behind Sheetz.

Mr. Cecora said this is informational at this point. Mark Knapp the owner of Springseal has approached the City regarding his operation on Enterprise Parkway. The Knapps would like to add an additional 25-40,000 additional square feet. They are estimating the investment to be at \$1.2 million overall with another \$400,000.00 in personal property, which is not subject to abatement. Mr. Knapp is asking if the City would entertain an Enterprise Zone Agreement as any tax abatement of 100% over ten years. This will have to be done in conjunction with Ravenna Schools. They aren't asking for the 75% waivable but looking for the 100% which means, they do need to engage the schools. One of the reasons this is on the agenda is they need to get the ball rolling on this and need to serve 45 day notices to proceed to both Ravenna Schools and Maplewood. He didn't want to start that process until it was the consensus of this Committee to at least start that exploratory process. There will be 15 new fulltime jobs created.

Mr. Ribelin said although Mr. Rainone and Mr. Kluge were not present he believes the rest of the members of council were happy to see this and do everything they can to encourage this expansion.

Mr. Cecora said the next step is to contact the schools.

There being no questions or comments, it was decided by those present the issue would proceed as described.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Bruce Ribelin, Chairman
Community & Economic Development Committee