



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2007**

The Economic Development Board of the City of Aurora, Ohio met in Council Chambers at Aurora City Hall on Thursday, December 13, 2007. Mayor Lynn McGill called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: James Fisher, Council President
Robert Paul, Finance Director
Roy Shafer, Planning Commission Chairman
Bill Volosin, Aurora City Schools
Mayor McGill, Chairman

Absent: Jerry Kohanski, Aurora City School Board President
Linda Reder, Assistant Finance Director
Rich Wehrenberg, Planning, Zoning & Building Director
Doug Wieder, Chamber of Commerce

Also Present: Denise Januska, Planning & Zoning Inspector
Rebecca Dixon, Committee Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: To approve minutes of the July 19, 2007 meeting

Mr. Paul moved, Mr. Volosin seconded. The motion carried on a 3-0-3 roll call vote with 3 abstentions.

AYES: Mr. Paul, Mr. Volosin, Mayor McGill

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Shafer, Ms. Januska

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Outtech, Inc.

Mayor McGill stated Outtech, Inc. requested today's meeting to discuss building an addition onto their existing building. He stated they have already been before the Planning & Building Commission.

Mr. Scott Seliga, Chief Operating Officer of Outtech stated the company is a sales and marketing company in the outdoor sporting business. He stated Outtech represents manufacturer's products, such as clothing wear and equipment and they sell the product to retail stores who in turn sell it to consumers. Mr. Seliga stated they are the manufacturer's sales force.

Mr. Fisher asked what the addition would be used for. Ms. Von Spiegel, Controller of Outtech, Inc. Stated there would be a large conference room and a large showroom for their customers to view and meet in if necessary.

Mayor McGill asked what size addition are they looking to build? Ms. Von Spiegel stated about 3500 sq ft. Mayor McGill asked that they are estimating the addition to cost. Mr. Seliga stated between \$500-600,000.00. Mayor McGill asked if Outtech planned to hire new employees after the addition is built. Ms. Von Spiegel answered no. She stated

they are over crowded now and the addition would allow everyone to fit comfortably. Ms. Von Spiegel stated they do plan to hire approximately two people a year. Mayor McGill asked how many employees currently reside in the Aurora facility? Ms. Von Spiegel stated there are 12 employees.

Mayor McGill stated the Company's location is in the Community Reinvestment Area which was set up in 2004. He stated Outtech, Inc. would be eligible to receive a tax abatement of 75% for 12 years. Mayor McGill asked if the company's plans were to remain in Aurora or to eventually relocate. Mr. Seliga stated they wished to remain in Aurora. Mr. Seliga stated the company planned to utilize other services in the city such as banquet rooms for sales meetings and local restaurants.

Mr. Fisher stated the expansion will profit the city through business associates staying at local hotels and eating at local restaurants. He stated this is the type of company the city would like to have here. Mr. Paul stated this Committee would make a recommendation to the Finance Committee. Mr. Paul stated he hoped to do this quickly and get city approval at the second City Council meeting in January. He stated there are some requirements that require giving the school board 30 day notice. Mr. Paul stated this would normally be a 50% tax abatement however due to the school boards cooperation the tax abatement has been increased to 75%.

MOTION: To recommend Finance Committee consider 75% Tax Abatement for 12 years.

Mr. Fisher moved, Mr. Shafer seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

AYES: Mr. Fisher, Mr. Paul, Mr. Shafer, Mr. Volosin, Ms. Januska, Mayor McGill

NAYS: None

MISCELLANEOUS

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn.

Mr. Fisher moved, Mr. Shafer seconded. The motion carried on a 6-0 voice vote.

The City of Aurora , 2007 Economic Development Board meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Mayor Lynn E. McGill, Chairman

Rebecca Dixon, Secretary