

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: June 24, 2009

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Jeff Cardwell, Chair
Barbara Malone
Michael McQuillen
Doris Minton-McNeill
Mary Moriarty Adams

ABSENT MEMBERS

Jose Evans
Ryan Vaughn

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 209, 2009 - approves the statement of benefits of BioStorage Technologies, Inc, which is an applicant for tax abatements for property located in an economic revitalization area

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Economic Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. Chair Jeff Cardwell called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Michael McQuillen, Doris Minton-McNeill and Mary Moriarty Adams. Absent were Jose Evans and Ryan Vaughn. Arriving shortly thereafter was Barbara Malone.

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Jennifer Fults, Administrator, Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), Division of Community Economic Development, stated that Maury Plambeck, Director of DMD was previously before the committee explaining some new legislation that was passed in July, 2008 regarding tax abatements. Ms. Fults stated that tax abatements are abatements of new taxes that relate to new development on a property. She said that the abatement could last anywhere from one to ten years, with ten years being the maximum. The first year of the abatement is the greatest amount, and then it decreases each year until the end of that period, when all of the new taxes are being paid. Ms. Fults stated that they look at job retention, job creation, how much capital is being invested in the property and if there is competition to receive businesses. Ms. Fults stated that the company will continue to pay the property taxes that it has been paying for the past number of years. There will be no decrease in the amount of the property taxes that are being paid. The city will continue to receive the same property tax revenue, in addition to the full property tax that is due with the new investment in place.

Ms. Fults stated that BioStorage Technologies, Inc. is located on Fortune Circle Drive in Wayne Township. She said that this company has been in Indianapolis since 2002. They are a world-wide leader in sample storage, inventory management and cold chain logistics for the Bio-Technology and Pharmaceutical Industry. She said that BioStorage Technologies will be investing more than \$4 million to expand their business. Ms. Fults stated that with this investment, there will be 50 jobs retained and 125 new jobs created, with an average wage of \$32 per hour. Ms. Fults stated that this investment will have a great impact the local economy and could not have come at a better time.

{Clerk's Note: Councillor Malone arrived at 5:36 p.m.}

Chair Cardwell asked if this proposal has already been approved the Metropolitan Development Commission (MDC). Stephanie Quick, Assistant Administrator, DMD, stated that it has gone through the MDC preliminarily, but it still has to go back to the

commission for final approval. Chair Cardwell asked if the commission has approved it subject to the approval from this committee. Ms. Quick answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Moriarty Adams asked how many jobs are part of BioStorage. Ms. Fults stated that there are 50 jobs currently being retained, and they will be bringing on an additional 125 new jobs.

Councillor Minton McNeill asked in which Council district BioStorage is located. Ms. Fults stated that it is in Councillor Bob Cockrum's district.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor McQuillen, to send Proposal No. 209, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

JC/lw

Jeff Cardwell, Chair