

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 15, 2009, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Special Council Meeting was called to order by President Tom Martinbianco at 6:42 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conley, Ellenburg, Haskins, Heffner, Martinbianco, Tinnin and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Heidenberger, Assessor and G. Webster, City Clerk.

CHAIR STATES THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Public Hearing for an Industrial Development District. **(I-09-1)**

Filed by: Mr. Thomas A. Panek, CEO Paramount Improvements Inc.
Parcel Number: 59-32-527-002 and 59-32-527-003

THE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES THAT: This is the time fixed for the hearing and considering any objections and/or favorable comments to the Establishment of an Industrial Development District, Pursuant to Act 198 of P. A. 1974 for the commonly known Petitioner and Location To-Wit:

I-09-1

PRESENTATION:

Thomas Panek said they had the opportunity to bring a sunroom manufacturing company into Michigan. They will use the buildings on Judd Rd. They will start out with about 14-15 jobs and possibly 40 within the next two years. They are going to manufacture sunrooms out of that area and ship to about 22 different states. Their retail company will be selling the products. He stated that he is here looking for some help to get the manufacturing facility up and running. He would like to bring some jobs into the area.

COUNCIL LISTENS TO OBJECTIONS/FAVORABLE COMMENTS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ABOVE DISTRICT:

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Rick Fuhst, 1208 S. Genesee, spoke in support of this company trying to bring jobs into the City.

President Martinbianco declared the hearing closed.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mrs. Heidenberger stated that in order for Mr. Panek to apply for the exemption certificate the district has to first be created. The district can be one parcel, two parcels or any combination thereof. This needs to be established by resolution by the local governing body. Once the district is approved, he will be able to apply for an exemption certificate. We will review the specific project and the exemption certificate could be granted for a maximum of 12 years.

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Attorney Austin explained that the statute requires the district be created within a deteriorating downtown area. He asked Mrs. Heidenberger to clarify this information.

Mrs. Heidenberger stated that the district does not have to fall within a deteriorating downtown area. Act 198 provides a stimulus for these industrial types of properties as a tax incentive to bring capital investments to the area.

Attorney Austin asked what would happen to the buildings that remain in this district.

Mrs. Heidenberger stated that they would maintain the current status. This presents a positive opportunity for the City to bring in business.

Mr. Martinbianco referred to the St. John's Industrial Park. He was concerned that Paramount would move their business to that location.

Mr. Panek stated they needed a facility for manufacturing windows with a long assembly line layout. The Judd Rd. facility was ideal for this type of work. He felt the facility would meet the company's needs for the next 15-20 years.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Tinnin moved and Conley seconded the following motion:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended, this Burton City Council has the authority to establish "Industrial Development Districts" with the City of Burton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas A. Panek, CEO Paramount Improvements Inc. has petitioned this Burton City Council to establish an Industrial Development District on its property located in the City of Burton hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, construction, acquisitions, alterations, or installation of a proposed facility has not commenced at the time of filing the request to establish this district; and

WHEREAS, written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district, and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Flint Journal on the establishment of the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, before acting on said application, the City Council held a Hearing on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at Burton City Hall, 4303 South Center Road, Burton, Michigan at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor, and a representative of the affected taxing units and all residents and taxpayers of the City of Burton were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it to be in the public interest of the City of Burton to establish the Industrial Development District as proposed;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Burton that the following described parcel of land situated in the City of Burton, Genesee County, and State of Michigan, to wit:

Address: *Parcel A* – 2457 E. Judd Road
 Parcel B – 2447 E. Judd Road

Parcel Number: *Parcel A* – 59-32-527-002
 Parcel B – 59-32-527-003

Legal Description: *Parcel A:* 59-32-527-002
 Lot 2 Industrial Sub and Lot 18 except W 127 ft of Industrial Sub No. 1.

 Parcel B: 59-32-527-003
 Lot 3 Industrial Sub and W 127 ft of Lot 18 Industrial Sub No. 1

be and here is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provision of Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 to be known as Industrial Development District No I-09-1.
Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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