

**THE CITY OF HURON, OHIO**  
**Proceedings of the Huron City Council**  
**Work Session Meeting Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 5:30p.m.**

A work session meeting of the City Council of the City of Huron, Ohio was called to order by Mayor Hartung on Tuesday May 23, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Room of Huron City Hall, 417 Main Street, Huron, Ohio.

The following members of Council were present: Rick Schaffter, Trey Hardy, Phyllis Wassner, Brad Hartung, Joe Dike, Sam Artino, and Glen Ginesi.

City administration/staff present: City Manager Andy White, Law Director Laura Alkire, Assistant to the City Manager Mike Spafford, City Engineer Doug Green and Management Services Coordinator ~ Clerk of Council Christine Gibboney.

**New Business**

**Introductions/Interviews of Economic Development Committee Applicants**

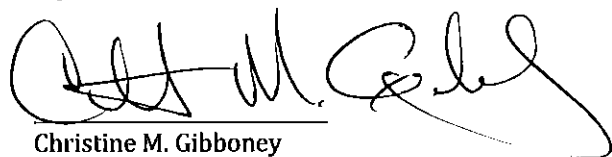
Members of City Council greeted and individually interviewed five of six applicants who submitted applications for consideration of appointment to the city's Economic Development Committee. Applicants interviewed: Ralph McGreevy, Dennis Velliquette, Maureen Engeler, Tim Parkison, and John Jones.

Prior to interviewing each applicant, the Mayor briefly explained the past history of the Economic Development Committee which was established by ordinance. He also provided explanation of the recent amendments to the ordinance which affect the composition of members. Each applicant was asked to provide their employment background information, reason for their interest in serving on the committee, and if they would have potential interest in serving on another board or commission if they were not appointed to this committee. All applicants who were asked responded that they would consider other board/committee appointments.

**Other Matters**

A discussion ensued regarding Ordinance 2017-15 on the regular agenda, relative to the revision in the composition of the Economic Development Committee members. In response to a question by Mr. Hardy on the reasoning behind ordering in this amendment; Mr. Ginesi replied that he made the motion to add another public at-large member because he believes in adding as much public input as possible and because of the number of applications received. The Mayor explained that originally he suggested a smaller committee, mostly due to the fact that it is usually difficult to coordinate members to attend meetings. He explained that perhaps he should step away from the committee to allow yet another public at-large member and he asked for Council input on that idea. A brief discussion ensued regarding public at-large members, the applicants interviewed, and the Mayor's recommendation regarding removing his position from the composition of the committee and replacing it with another public at-large member. It was also mentioned that if the Mayor's position was removed as a voting member, it should be added to the non-voting member composition. The Mayor advised that Council members consider making a formal motion at the Council meeting to amend Ordinance 2017-15 if they desired. Following discussion on the applicants for the committee; the Mayor advised that Council members email him with their nominations and formal appointment would be made at an upcoming Council meeting.

The work session meeting of May 23, 2017 adjourned at 6:30p.m.



Christine M. Gibboney  
Clerk of Council